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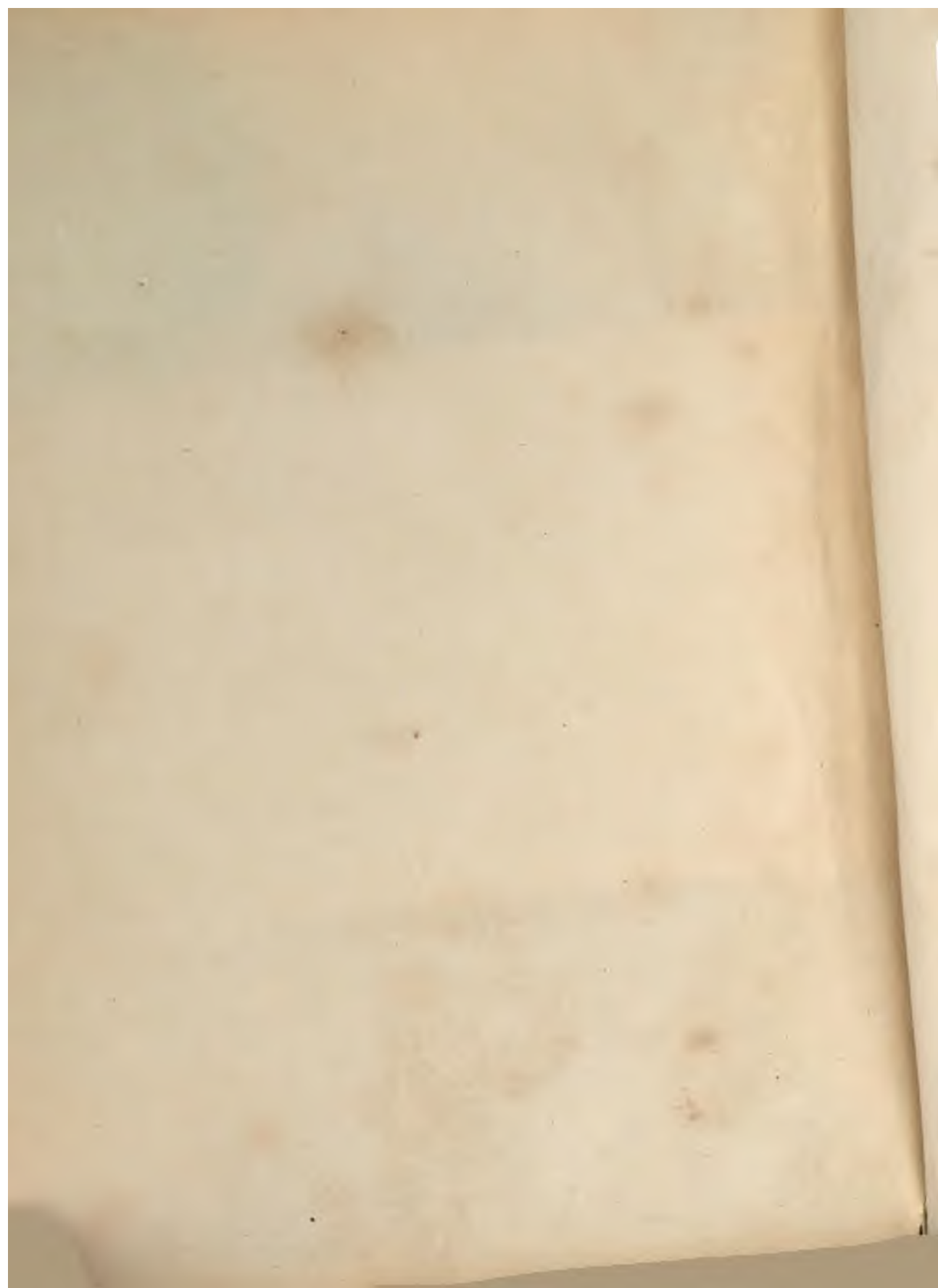
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THE PARISH OF ELLON.¹

*Carta Ricardi episcopi de Helin terra scilicet Sluthagh.*²—(A.D. 1165-
A.D. 1178.)

**Ricardus Dei gracia ecclesie Beati Andree . humilis minister . Vni-
uersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis clericis et laicis salutem . Sciant tam
posteris quam presentes nos dedisse et concessisse et hac carta nostra
confirmasse ecclesie Beati Andree et canonicis ibidem Deo seruientibus et
seruituris Helin terram scilicet Sluthagh . per rectas diuisas suas in**

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 301-320]

² [From the Liber Cartarum Prioratus Sancti Andree in Scotia, p. 140.

Adam the clerk of Ellon, "Adam clericus de Helom (Helon)" appears as a witness to the charters of Matthew, Bishop of Aberdeen, between the years 1172 and 1199. (Illustr. Topog. and Antiq. of Aberd. and Banff, vol. ii., pp. 17, 20.) A charter by Alexander Cumyn, Earl of Buchan, of the year 1277, is witnessed by David of Aberdeen, vicar of Ellon. (Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, p. 455.)

The church of Ellon was given to the Cistercian abbey of Kynlos in Murray, by King Robert I., in the year 1310. (Robertson's Index to the Charters, p. 2; Ferreri Historia Abbatum de Kynlos, p. 27.)

In the year 1328, an agreement was made between the Abbot and Henry, Bishop of Aberdeen, in terms of which the former became bound to pay, from the fruits of the benefice, twenty four merks yearly for the endowment of a prebend in the Cathedral of Saint Machar at Aberdeen; four merks yearly to a stallar, or vicar, being in deacon's orders, serving in the same cathedral; and a hundred shillings yearly, with a manse and garden, to a chaplain serving the cure of souls, and making his residence in the parish. The prebendary was to be collated by the Bishop, with consent of the abbot and convent: his stallar was to be admitted by the dean and chapter; and the right of presenting the chaplain or vicar serving the cure was vested

escambium de Portmooch . et de Ernoch . in perpetuam elemosinam .
 Tenendam libere quiete ab omni exaccione et seruicio ad nos pertinente
 . . . Testibus hiis . Andrea archidiacono Laodonie . Waltero archi-
 diacono de Sancto Andrea . Johanne nepote Roberti episcopi . Roberto

in the abbot and convent. (*Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. i., pp. 48-50, 380; vol. ii., pp. 150, 252.) William of Calabre, prebendary of Ellon, in the year 1392 bequeathed to the stallar, stipulating that he should be a priest, a sum of six merks yearly, with a house and piece of land beside the cathedral. (*Id.*, vol. i., pp. 178-182.) The stallar's pension, payable by the abbey, was increased before the year 1437 to five pounds yearly: in the years 1506 and 1519 it was eight pounds yearly. (*Id.*, vol. ii., pp. 68, 95, 108.)

William of Lask, the elder, lord of that Ilk, in the year 1380 bequeathed a pound of wax yearly to the altar of the Holy Rood in the church of Saint Mary of Ellon, and a stone of wax, with twelve silver pennies yearly, from his land of Logy near Ellon, for lights to be burned at the tomb of himself and his wives, situated, as it would seem, in the same church. (*Id.*, vol. i., p. 134.)

Pope Adrian IV., on the 10th of August, 1157, confirmed to the See of Aberdeen the land which Master Philip held in Ellon, "*terram de Ellon quam magister Philippus tenuit.*" (*Id.*, vol. i., pp. 6, 85.) This land was at a later period known by the name of Bishop's Brynnes or Brynes. (*Id.*, vol. ii., p. 126.) It was held of the Bishop in the year 1349 by William of Saint Michael. (*Id.*, vol. i., pp. 79-81.) John of Saint Michael resigned the land in the year 1392, when it was granted, along with the serfs, by the Bishop to William Lang, one of the canons of the cathedral, in liferent, for payment of eight merks yearly, with the military service due to the King, and suit and presence thrice a year at the chief court of the bishopric, held at Rayne in the Garioch. (*Id.*, vol. i., pp. 185, 186.) The land of Brynnes, with the mill, was feued by the bishop, in the year 1543, to Elizabeth Hay in liferent, and to William Abernethy, second son of the lord Salton, and his heirs, in fee. (*Id.*, vol. i., pp. 419, 420.) A description of "*the meris of Bischop Brynnes,*" in the fifteenth century, was engrossed in the registers of the See. (*Id.*, vol. i., pp. 247, 248.)

On the thirtieth of March, 1183, Pope Lucius III. confirmed to the Prior and canons of Saint Andrews the land of Helen which Slothagth held, "*terram Helen quam Slothagth tenuit.*" (*Id.*, p. 59.) Hugh, bishop of Saint Andrews, confirmed to the same Prior and canons, between the years 1178 and 1184, "*Elin quam Sluthadi tenuit . in escambio de Portmooch et Hernoch*" (*Id.*, p. 146.) The same land, "*terra Elin quam Slodthah tenuit,*" was confirmed to the canons by his successor, Bishop Roger, who died in the year 1202. (*Id.*, p. 152.) But it may be doubted, perhaps, if there be sufficient evidence of the identity of this Elin with Ellon in Buchan.

In the year 1265, Gameline, Bishop of Saint Andrews, gave his land of Ellon, "*terram suam de Ellon in Buchan quam Scoloci de Ellon tenent,*" in liferent to Alexander Cumyn, Earl of Buchan, for the payment of two merks of silver yearly. (*Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff*, pp. 311-312.)

By an inquest, held before Walter, Bishop of Saint Andrews, at the parish church of Ellon, in the year 1387, it was found that the church lands of Ellon, called the Scologlandis or Scolarlandis, were then of the yearly value of fifteen pounds thirteen shillings and fourpence, and were of old worth twenty pounds a year; that sixteen shillings yearly were due from them to the lord Bishop as superior; that he was in use to appoint a ballie, at whose courts all the inhabitants of the lands were bound to make suit and presence; that the heir of each Scolag was in use to receive entry to his land at the hands of the ballie, without any brieve of inquest from the lord Bishop; that from the said lands were found four clerks for the parish church of Ellon,

filio Saulfi de Perth . Michaele clerico . Rogero de Listona . Magistro Roberto Scoto . Stephano clerico . Alexandro et Willelmo capellanis episcopi . Gaufrido dapifero . Magistro Abraham . Odone senescaldo . Hugone pincerna . Guidone marescaldo . Gamel ostiario .

able to read and sing, together with their copes and surplices; that the fourth part of Easter Ellon was bound to find a house for the scholars at Ellon; that the fourth part of Candellan was bound to furnish, twice a year, four and twenty candles of wax, on the 'perfi' or 'perk' before the high altar; and that the lands of Ferley, held in time past by Megot, daughter of David of Ferley, were bound to the maintenance of a smithy at Ellon. (*Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. I., pp. 177, 178; *Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff*, pp. 310, 311.) See, on this tenure, Mr. Joseph Robertson's dissertation "On Scholastic Offices in the Scottish Church in the Twelfth and Thirteenth Centuries," in the *Miscellany of the Spalding Club*, vol. v., Appendix to Preface, pp. 56-77.

Ellon was, of old, the seat of justice for the earldom of Buchan. When John, the son of Uthred, between the years 1203 and 1214, received the lands of Fedrett and Ardlindrach from Earl Fergus, he became bound to give suit and presence, thrice in every year, at the Earl's chief courts at Ellon. (*Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff*, p. 408.) The mound or 'moot hill,' on which, according to ancient usage, the Earl, with 'the Dempster of Buchan,' sat to dispense judgment among his vassals, was the place also where he received formal investiture of the earldom. On the twenty eighth of October, 1476, seisin or livery of the earldom of Buchan was given to Earl James Stewart, "super montem de Ellane" (*Lord Hailes's Additional Sutherland Case*, chap. v., § 14, p. 61, citing attestation by the Sheriff of Aberdeen.) The eminence came afterwards to be known by the name of 'The Earl's Hill,' and its possession continued to be anxiously claimed by the lords of Buchan, when, of all that great inheritance, little or nothing remained with them but the name and dignity of earl. On the twenty-ninth day of August, 1519, Earl John Stewart was seised "in the earldom of Buchan and Earlishill thereof." (*Id.*, citing instrument of seisin.) He resigned the earldom and "the Earlishill," in the year 1547, in favour of his son John Stewart, whose daughter, Christian, was seised in them accordingly in the year 1551. (*Id.*) The Countess Christian, having married Robert Douglas, a charter of the Earldom 'and the Earlishill' was granted to him and his wife in the year 1574. (*Id.*, p. 63.) Their granddaughter, lady Mary Douglas, was, on the seventh of September, 1615, served heir to the Countess Christian in the Earldom of Buchan, and "monticulo nuncupato Erlishill." (*Inquisitiones Speciales, vicecom. Aberd.*, no. 139.) Two years subsequently a charter of the earldom, "ac etiam monticulum vocatam Erlishill," was granted to her and her husband James Erskine, son of the Earl of Mar. (*Registrum Magni Sigilli Regum Scotorum*, lib. xlviii., no. 390, MS. in Her Majesty's General Register House at Edinburgh.) On the twenty-seventh of April, 1642, John, Earl of Rothes, was served heir to his father in the half of the lands and Earldom of Buchan, "cum monte vocato Erlishillock." (*Inquisitiones Speciales, vicecom. Aberd.*, no. 261.) This moiety went afterwards to the Maules, and, on the

* "Farhard judex de Buchan" appears as a witness to a charter by William Cumyn, Earl of Buchan, who died before the year 1238. (*Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. I., pp. 14, 15.) An agreement, made at Ordebofyn in the year 1236, between the abbot and convent of St. Thomas of Arbroath, and Marjory, Countess of Buchan, is witnessed by "Kereld . Pherharchd . et Thoma judicibus." (*Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff*, p. 33; *Regist. Vet. de Aberbrothoc*, p. 162. *Edin.*, 1848.)

In the year 1358 the fee of the judex or Dempster of the sheriffdom of Aberdeen was forty shillings yearly, the fee of the sheriff being twenty pounds, and that of his clerk forty shillings. (*The Chamberlain Rolls*, vol. i., pp. 293, 300.)

Concessio Jacobo comiti de Buchan.¹ —(A.D. 1477.)

Apud Edinburghe . xij. Octobris . m.cccc.lxxvij. Rex licet in tenera etate sua concessit avunculo suo Jacobo comiti de Buchane et domino de Ouchterhouse terras comitatus Buchanie et comitatum hujusmodi infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene cum tenentibus tenandriis ac ecclesiarum advocacionibus dicti comitatus . Dictus Jacobus post generalem revocationem omnium donacionum per regem in minore sua etate factarum dictum comitatum etc. in manus regis personaliter resignavit . Igitur post dictam resignacionem Rex considerans gratuita et fidelia servicia sibi a longo tempore per dictum avunculum suum impensa ac continuam perseveranciam in eisdem ac pro serviciis suis impendendis concessit dicto Jacobo heredibus suis masculis de corpore suo legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus Regi heredibus et successoribus suis libere revertendum dictum comitatum ac terras etc.

Band be the lord of Straloch.² —(A.D. 1441.)

Til al and sindry thir present lettres to heir or to se . Jhon Cheyne, lord of Straloch . greting in God aylestand . Forquhay for thankful dedis and gret labouris maid apon me be quhilom my lord Wilyeam the Hay Constabil of Scotland / the quhilk God assolyhe / I maid resigna

twelfth of May, 1663, George, Earl of Panmure, was served heir to his father in the half of the lands which formerly belonged to the Earldom of Buchan, "et monte vocato Erlshillock." (Id., no. 367.) The other half was acquired by the house of Glamis. On the fifteenth of June, 1648, Patrick, Earl of Kinghorne, was served heir to his father in the half of the lands and Earldom of Buchan, "cum monte vocato Erlshillock" (Id., no. 293); and on the twenty-ninth of October, 1695, John, Earl of Strathmore and Kinghorn, was served heir to his father Patrick, in "reliquo comitatus et praedii de Buchan," comprehending the "Earleshillock." (Id., no. 497.)

This remarkable mound has now disappeared; "its site, which was on the left bank of the Ythan, about eighty or ninety yards below the bridge of Ellon, being occupied by the stables and farm yard of one of the inns of the village; but persons are still living who remember the time when the Earl's Hill retained both its place and name." (The New Statistical Account of Scotland, number xlii., p. 903. Edin., 1848.)

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. viii., no. 38, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [From a copy in the Charter-room at Slaines.]

cioun in the Kingis handis of all my landis of Esselmount with the pertinentis and Mikle Arnage lying withtin the schirefdome of Aberdene for to infest Hary my son in the foresaid landis . In the quhilk the said Hary my son is be the King now infest as be the infestment planly is knawin . And giff it hapenis of case me or ony of myn ayris to make ony clame or move ony question or again calling of this infestment I oblyse me and myn ayris and all my landis of Straloch Crechies and Bothelnyis, and al gudis moveabil and immoveabil, to pay to the foresaid Hary Cheyn his ayris executouris or assigneyis/five hundreth poundis of the vsual money of Scotland together and at anys in Aberdene . the quhylk five hundreth poundis war taxit appoyntit and accordit betuixt the said quhiylom my lord the Constabil/the quylk God assolyhe/and me for gret costis and labouris be him apon me maid . In witnes of the quhilk thingis to thir present lettres I have to put my sele at Esselmont the twenty day of April the yere of our Lord God a thousand four hundreth fourty and ane yhere . Befor thir witnes Gilbert the Hay of Dronlaw knight . Gilbert Meignes . John the Vaus . Wat of Dumbreck burges of Aberdene . Richard the Vaus of Fyndon . Wilyeam Reid of Colystown . and Jhon Bannerman of Alsike with vtheris sindry .

Instrumentum Henrici Cheyn super protestatione Willelmi de Rat contra ipsum facta in curia Vicecomitis de Aberden. ¹—(A.D. 1450.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo . quinquagesimo . mensis vero Octobris die sexta . Coram nobili et potenti domino Domino Alexandro comite de Craufurd ac vicecomite de Aberden pro tribunali sedente in pretorio ejusdem . meique notarij publici et testium infrascriptorum presentia . comparuit honorabilis vir Henricus Cheyne et in facie curie intravit unum sectatorem pro terris de Essilmund et . . . quando Willelmus de Rat fecit unam protestationem pro filio et herede Reginaldi Cheyn contra ipsum . Idem Henricus petijt quale mandatum sive qualem potestatem ipse Willelmus habuit de filio Reginaldi Chein predicti vel de

¹ [From a copy in the Charter-room at Slains.]

quocunque alio ad faciendum protestationem contra ipsum . et nullum mandatum neque potestatem demonstravit nisi nudum simplex et vanum verbum . Quare idem Henricus protestatus fuit quod illa protestatio facta non verteretur sibi in prejudicium penes suam legitimam possessionem predictarum terrarum quam possessionem habuit a multis annis elapsis . Et sic protestatio prefati Willelmi de Rat ut dictus Henricus asseruit nullius fuit roboris aut momenti . De et super quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus Henricus a me notario publico sibi fieri petijt presens instrumentum . Acta erant hec infra burgum de Aberdeine hora quasi duodecima in meridie sub anno mense et die quibus supra . Presentibus ibidem providis dominis Johanne de Forbes milite . Waltero Lindesay fratre germano dicti Comitis de Craufurd . Waltero de Ogilvy vicecomite de Angus . Alexandro Douglas et Gilberto Mengies burgensibus burghi de Aberdeine cum multis alijs . Waltero de Balconkall clerico Sancti Andree diocesis publico notario .

Decretum super processu brevis per Reginaldum Chene penes terras de Esselmond et Mekle Arnage prosecuto.¹—(A.D. 1456.)

Universis ad quorum notitias presentes litere pervenerint . Thomas episcopus Dunkeldensis . Georgius episcopus Brechinensis . Willelmus comes Orchadie et de Cathnes dominus de Sanctoclaro cancellarius Scotie . Patricius dominus Glamys . magister Nicholaus Ottirburn clericus rotulorum et registri supremi domini nostri Regis . Johannes Borthwic . Lancelotus de Abernethy . et Robertus Mitchelson . Salutem in Domino . Cum pium est et meritorium veritati testimonium perhibere et maxime in causa ubi veritatis occultatio dampnum generare poterit innocenti vel gravamen . Hinc est quod vestre universitati tenore publice notificamus per presentes quod iudices electi sumus per Reginaldum Chene et Henricum Chene ad terminandum et decidendum causam inter ipsas partes utrum processus cujusdam brevis de recto prosecutus per dictum Reginaldum penes terras de Esselmont et de Mekle Arnage cum pertinentijs jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene fuit legitime de-

¹ [From a copy in the Charter-room at Sla'nes.]

ductus vel non . et utrum determinatio et deliberatio assise alias existentis super deliberatione et responsione dicti brevis de recto iudice et legitime terminata fuit et deliberata vel non . Coram nobis ambe partes supradicte in pretorio burgi de Edinburgh in camera ejusdem die et anno subscriptis personaliter comparuerunt . Quiquidem Reginaldus et Henricus tactis Sacrosanctis Dei Evangelijs juramentum prestiterunt corporale subire et stare irrevocabiliter et pro perpetuo nostris decreto deliberationi et determinacioni . Et nos obligati fuimus magno juramento ad fideliter deliberandum in dicta causa . Quibus peractis post multas et diversas altercationes inter dictas partes hinc inde factas et litera determinationis dicti processus et assise alijsque rationibus evidentijs et allegationibus ambarum partium predictarum nec non libris juris auditis visis et intellectis . dictis partibus remotis et postea reintratis . Nosque dicti iudices adinvicem mature avisati . consideratis dicte cause meritis . decrevimus determinavimus et conclusimus et uno cum consensu pronunciamus et deliberavimus processum prosecutum per dictum Reginaldum injuste fuisse deductum et dictum Henricum propterea remanere debere in tali et in eadem possessione dictarum terrarum de Esselmont et de Meikle Arnage cum pertinentijs sicut ipse Henricus tempore impetrationis dicti brevis de recto extiterat . et vicecomitem deputatum et membra curie puniri debere per supremum dominum nostrum Regem quia non observarunt jura regni nec ordinem juris in executione deservitionis dicti brevis . Et hoc omnibus quorum interest vel interesse poterit notum facimus per presentes quibus in veritatis testimonium sigilla nostra sunt appensa Apud Edinburgh vicesimo septimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo sexto .

Carta terrarum de Meikle Arnage pro Willelmo le Haya.¹ —(A.D. 1460.)

Universis pateat per presentes nos Willelmum comitem de Erole dominum de le Haya ac Constabularium Scotie dedisse dilecto filio nostro Willelmo le Haya et heredibus suis masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis . quibus forte deficientibus Gilberto fratri suo germano et heredibus suis masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis

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seu procreandis . quibus forte deficientibus heredibus nostris masculis quibuscunque . totas et integras terras nostras de Meikle Arnage cum pertinentijs jacentes in vicecomitatu de Aberden . quasquidem terras habemus de Henrico Chene de Esselmonth et tenemus in capite de domino nostro Rege . Tenendas et habendas dictas terras a nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum . Apud Instuthill vicesimo secundo die mensis Julij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo et sexagesimo .

Band be Maister Gilbert the Hay for lowsing the redemptioun of Ranatston etc. ¹—(A.D. 1473.)

Be it kend till all men me Mastyr Gilbert the Hay of Ure tyl haff oblyst me tyl an honorable and michty lord and my lord Wyllyame erll of Erol lorde the Hay and Constabyl of Scotlande / that quhare the sayde myn lord has losit the redemption at my desyr of the landis of Ranatston Arnags and Cragy tyl his tenand Alane of Kynnard of that ilk in favour of his cousing Wyllyem the Hay of Ure redemyt in the handis of my lord his fader . that the sayd lord the Quhyt Freris of Aberdene na the inhabitantis of the sayd landis sal be unhurt unskait that . and quhen ever it be sene by the sayd lord or hys frendis that he or hys the Quhyt Freris of Aberden or the inhabitantis of the sayde landis be hurt throw the lowsing of the said redempcioun I hynde me in twa hundreth pundis of usual mone of Schotland to the forsayde lord hyis ayris executouris and assignayis . In wytnes of quhylk thyng I haff affixit my sele to this my present wryt in Inchtuthyll the . xvij . day of March the yere of our Lord . m . cccc . lxxij . yeris.

Instrumentum super remissione Henrico Chene de Esselmond concessa. ¹
(A.D. 1475.)

In Dei nomine amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno ab in-

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carnacione Domini . m^o cccc^o lxx^o quinto . mensis vero Julij die ultimo . In mei notarij publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus nobilis vir Henricus Chene de Esselmont quendam remissionem supremi domini nostri Regis in pergameno scriptam ejus magno sigillo sigillatam . sibi gratiose concessam propter crudelem interfectionem quondam Arthuri Panton et alias causas inibi contentas . in medio produxit et ostendit eandemque discreto viro Patricio Baidenach vicecomiti deputato de Aberdene pro executione et publica proclamatione ejusdem fiendis exhibuit et presentavit . Quamquidem remissionem dictus Patricius ad manus suas recipiens trina proclamatione precedente ad Crucem Fori burgi de Aberdeine executioni debite demandavit ac in lingua materna publice manifestavit et proclamavit . vigore cujus remissionis dictus deputatus vicecomes virgam pacis dicto Henrico tradidit et donavit ipsumque Henricum ad pacem dicti domini nostri Regis assumendo . Et pro satisfactione partis ipsius Arthuri interfecti dictus Henricus Chene certam summam auri et argenti alicui volenti accipere de genere dicti Arthuri proximiori realiter optulit et monstravit . Acta erant hec apud Crucem dicti burgi de Aberdene hora tertia vel eocirca post meridiem sub anno die et mense quibus supra . Presentibus ibidem nobilibus viris magistro Gilberto Haya de Ure . magistro David Haya . Reginaldo Chene de Straloch . Johanne Wormet . Thoma Prat . Roberto Prat presbytero Aberdonensis diocesis publico notario .

Carta Henrico Chene de Essilmont.¹ —(A.D. 1492.)

Apud Edinburghe . xi. Februarii . m. cccc. xcii . Rex concessit Henrico Chene de Essilmond et heredibus suis totas terras de Mekil Arnage in dominio de Essilmond infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene que fuerunt Willelmi comitis Erolie hereditarie per alienacionem quondam patri suo factam per dictum Henricum sub quadam litera reversionis, et quas idem Willelmus in manus Regis apud Sanctum Andream resignavit .

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiii. no. 64. MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

The assignacioun of the reversioun of Lital Arnage.¹ —(A.D. 1501.)

Be it kend till all men me Thomas of Kynnard son and ayre of umquhyll Allane of Kynnard of that ilk to haue ordanit an honorabill man John Chene of Esselmont / Isobel Wawan his spouse / and Henry Cheine thar son and apperant ayr my assignays to a letter of reversioun maid be umquhill Maister Gilbert the Hay of Urie to the said umquhill Allane Kynarde my fader for the redemyng of the landis of Little Arnage and myll of the same with the pertinentis lying in the baronie of Slanis within the schirefdom of Aberdene sald be the said Allane my fader to the said Maister Gilbert for the soun of twa hundreth poundis usual mone of Scotland . with ful power to my said assignayis to pass to the presence of the prior and convent of the Freris Carmelites of the burgh of Aberdene gyff thar presence can be eisily apprehendit and failleing tharof to thar kirk and to mak warning to tham upon the space of tuentie dayis to comper within thar said kirk and thar upon the hie altar to receive the said soun of twa hundreth pundis . And after the payment of the said soun to the sayd prior and convent to requyre the ayris and assignayis quhatsumewer of the sayd Maister Gilbert the Hay and als the prior and convent of the Freris Carmelites of Aberdene to resign and quyte claim to my said assignays all and sundry the forsaid landis . In witnes of the quhilk thing I haf hungyn my propir sele to thir present lettres and subscrivit the samyne with myn hande at Edinburgh the . xj . day of March the yere of God . j^m . and five hundreth yeris . Befor thir witnes Maister Waltere Drummonde dene of Dumblane and clark to our Sovereign Lordis register . Maister William Wawane officiale of Louthian . Maister William Irland . Bertilmo Wawane . David Kynard of Kininmont and Richard Meikle nottar publict.

Contract betuex Williame erl of Erol and Thomas Kinnard.¹ —
(A.D. 1501.)

Thir indenturis made at Slanis the second day of October the yeir of

¹ [From a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

God a thousand five hundreth and a yeir witness that it is appontit betuex a nobil and michtie lord Williame erl of Erol lord Hay and Constabil of Scotland and Thomas Kinnard of Skewow that the sayd Erl has bocht in fie and heretage the landis of Litle Arnage with the mill Sythin Rawak Craigie and Cortycrome with their pertinentis . the quhilk the said Thomas holdis of the sayd Lord . lyand within the baronie of Slanis and the schirefdom of Aberdene . fra the said Thomas for the soum of a thousand markis of usuall money of Scotland to be payit as follouis . that is to say for the redemptioun of a reversioun fra Malcolm Forbes of Tolquhon for the landis of Sithan Rawak and Craigie the soum of four hundreth markis . and for the redemption of ane othir reversioun fra Jhone Chene of Essilmont for Litle Arnage with the mill the soum of tuelff score and ten poundis . And to Andro Murray in Aberdene fourty poundis for the redemptioun of fourty schillingis of annual the quhilk the said Androw has of Corticrom . and to Johne of Kinnard of Inchtüre in the name and behalf of the said Thomas the soum of forty pundis . and the remainder of the thousand markis quhilk is a hundreth and fyv markis sall be deliverit to the said Thomas . Reservand to the said Thomas and his ayris in Corticrom a house an yerde and an aker of land with sowmes according tharunto and the said Lord sall infest the said Thomas and his ayris by charter and seasing in the sayd house aiker of land and yerde with Kynenmond and Perskow in blench ferme for a pennie if it be askit . And gif ony of the parteis findis ony pointis mysterious or obscure baith the parteis assentis to an honorabill man Williame Hay son and apperant ayr of Williame erl of Erol and John of Kinnard of Inchtüre for the reformation of the said contract . In witnes of the quhilk thing to the pairt of the indenture remanand with the said Erl the said Thomas has affixit herto his sele befor thir witnes Johne Kinnard of Inchtüre . Schir Andro Ireland . Maister David Hay . Maister Jhone the Hay . and Schir John Herdman notar publict . And for the mair securite he has subscrivit this with his awin hand befor Walter Kinard and David Spenke burgessis of Dundee.

De relictis Henrici Chene.¹—(A.D. 1507.)

Curia Vicecomitis de Abirdene tenta in pretorio eiusdem penultimo die mensis Februarij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto per honorabilem virum Alexandrum Bannerman de Wattertone vicecomitis deputatum . Willelmus Gordone de Scheues Willelmus Fraser de Phillorth miles Willelmus Craford de Federay Patricius Gordone de Methlik Robertus Gordone de Vthaw Thomas Fraser de Stanewod Johannes Knox de eodem Thomas Fraser de Nevforest Johannes Dalgarnow de Dalgarnowffinteray Johannes Dunbrek de eodem Ranaldus Oudny filius et heres apparens Willelmi Oudny de eodem Willelmus King de Bourty Willelmus Blakhale de eodem Henricus Forbes de Kynneller [et] Willelmus Vrry de Petfeche jurati dicunt quod Marioria Hay relictis quondam Henrici Chene tenetur habere rationabilem terciam partem duarum partium terrarum de Essilmont et Littil Arnage cum suis pertinenciis exceptis terris de Fortry de Essilmont .

Protestatio Patricii Chene de Essilmond militis.²—(A.D. 1507.)

In Dei nomine Amen per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat . . . quod anno Incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo septimo mensis vero Junii die quinto . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentia personaliter comparuit magister Johannes Lindesay vicarius de Colsalmond ac prelocutor . . . Patricii Chene tunc presentis et ipsum affirmantis tempore presentationis brevis inquisitionis capelle Regie impetrati per Magistrum Alexandrum Chene et filium quondam Johannis Chene de Essilmond militis de terris de Essilmond et Mekill Arnage coram honorabili viro Johanne Mar vicecomite deputato de Aberdene in pretorio burgi de Aberdene pro tribunali sedente et contra eundem Magistrum Alexandrum exceptionem bastardie proposuit asserens ipsum bastardum esse . . . ex quo nequit succedere hereditati

¹ [From the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i. MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [Abridged from the Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen, vol. iii. MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

dicti patris sui . . . protestans solempniter quod exceptiones prius propositae et proponende contra dictum breue et presertim exceptio bastardie non preiudicent nec dampnum generent eidem Patricio penes contractum inter ipsum et eundem Magistrum Alexandrum prius initum in presentia reuerendi in Christo patris . . . Willelmi . . . episcopi Abirdonensis nec prosecutionem processus eiusdem contractus dependentis in iure coram venerabilibus viris Magistris Archebaldo Lindesay precentore et Alexandro Cabele ac Domino Thoma Pyet canonicis Abirdonensibus commissariis in hac parte constitutis aut coram quocunque iudice ecclesiastico seu ciuili . . . Super quibus . . . dictus Magister Johannes nomine prelocutorio quo supra a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum . . . Acta erant hec in dicto pretorio hora quasi xi^a ante meridiem sub anno die mense . . . quibus supra presentibus ibidem nobili ac prepotenti domino Willelmo Comite de Erol domino Hay ac constabulario Scotie Alexandro Iruyn de Drum Gilberto Hay de Ardendracht militibus Patricio Berclay de Grantuly Waltero Berclay de Touy Thoma Frasser de Stanevod Willelmo Craford de Federay David Straloeche Dominis David Liell Willelmo Myln Thoma Bysset maro feodi et Alexandro Maluyn maro deputato testibus ad premissa .

Carta Alexandro Chene.¹ —(A.D. 1516.)

Jacobus . . . Sciatis nos post lites inter dilectos nostros Alexandrum Chene et Patricium Chene fratres carnales filios quondam Johannis Chene de Essilmont militis motas ac in curia Romana ad ingentes labores ac expensas utriusque domini continuatas Quis ipsorum haeres esset et succederet dicto quondam Johanni patri suo necnon quondam Henrico Chene fratri suo domino feodi de Essilmont et in terras et haereditates suas Tandem . . . ulterioribus litibus et expensis ad tenendum et nutriendum fraternales dilectiones inter ipsos ex motu proprio et ex certa scientia pro ipsis et haeredibus suis concordia iniuerunt hoc modo videlicet quod terra et hereditates praedictae inter ipsos equaliter dividantur Et quod dictus Alexander pro portione sua earundem habeat pro se et haeredibus suis in perpetuum omnes et singulas terras de Mikle Arnage

¹ [From the Earl of Haddington's Collection of Charters, vol. i., p. 544, MS Adv. Bibl. Edinb.]

cum pertinentiis videlicet Arnage *to the* Arquhadlaw cum duobus molendinis super easdem existentibus tertiam partem ac quartam partem alterius tertiae partis terrarum de Chapelton de Essilmont cum suis pertinentiis ac dimidiam terram villae de Forthry de Essilmont cum suis pertinentiis jacentium infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene Et quod dictus Patricius pro sua dimidietate et portione residuum terrarum et haereditatum quae quondam patri suo et fratri suo pertinebant antedictis de nobis tentarum in capite habebit et possidebit prout in contractu et appunctuamento sub forma instrumenti inter dictos Alexandrum et Patricium desuper confecto plenius continetur Quae quidem terrae in manibus nostris tanquam in manibus domini superioris earundem nunc existunt ob non introitum veri haeredis ad easdem Nos igitur cum avisa-mento . . . charissimi consanguinei et tutoris nostri Johannis ducis Albaniae et regni nostri protectoris et gubernatoris desiderantes concordiam inter dictos fratres circa premissa initam in omnibus observari dedimus et concessimus . . . haereditarie dicto Alexandro Chene et haeredibus suis . . . praedictas terras de Mikle Arnage etc. Quaequidem terrae cum molendinis earundem et suis pertinentiis fuerunt dicti quondam Henrici Chene fratris sui haereditarie in feodo et dicti quondam Johannis in libero tenemento . . . Tenendas . . . praedictas terras . . . dicto Alexandro et haeredibus suis de nobis . . . adeo libere . . . sicut dictus quondam Johannes vel Henricus eorumve praedecessores praefatas terras et molendina cum pertinentiis . . . perprie . . . tenuit seu . . . tenuerunt . . . faciendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris iura et servitia de dictis terris et molendinis cum pertinentiis nobis inde prius debita . . . In cujus rei testimonium praesenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . apud Edinburgum 27 Februarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimoquinto .

Concordia super metis terrarum de lie Fortrie de Essilmont¹—(A.D. 1537.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc instrumentum cunctis pateat quod anno Incarnacionis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo septimo mensis

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

vero Augusti die primo . in nostrorum connotariorum publicorum et testium suprascriptorum presentia personaliter constituti honorabiles viri Patricius Chene de Esselmont et Magister Alexander Chene de Arnage penes divisas partis solaris terrarum lie Fortrie de Esselmont dicto Patricio pertinentis et partis umbralis dicte lie Fortrie sibi Magistro Alexandro incumbentis que incipiebant in vulgo ut sequitur . Begining at the Corne burn in the Kirkgate at an ald carn of stanes new reformit and frathencefurth south-eist direct to a gret gray stane in the bra And frathin est to the ald dyke of the Hill fauld And frathin to the northeist part of the Woll law haldin under the bra as it is carnit to the well of the Woll law And frathine to the meiting of the twa myres at the hed of the burn of the Fortree And frathinē as it is carnit ascendand to the carn of the Turf hill at the heid of the Lards bra And fra that to a carn callit the Leurok carn upon the north side of the roof of the Bog hill And fra the said carn to the Corne burn descendand the ald passage of the said burn to the water of Ithane And the south syd of the south west syd of the said marches to remain as propertie to the said Patrick and his airis to his landis of Esselmont and to be annexit tharto as pertinentis tharof . Acta erant hec apud Fortree de Esselmont hora meridiana vel eo circiter sub anno die et mense quibus supra . Presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris Alexandro Chene de Straloch . Willemo Forbes de Tolquhon . Thoma Annand de Ochterellon . Alexandro Fraser juniore domino de Durris . Johanne Chene in Drumquhendill et Willemo Hay in Brakleterues cum diuersis alijs . Roberto Egew Sancti Andree diocesis notario publico .

Concordia super diuisis terrarum de lie Ald Mill et Chappiltoun de Esselmont¹ —(A.D. 1538.)

In Dei nomine amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo septimo mensis vero Martij die primo . in mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia honorabilis vir Patricius Chene de Esselmont et Thomas Chene ejus filius et heres apparens ex parte una et Magister Alexander Chene

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines]

de Arnage et Johannes Chene ejus apparens heres ex parte altera sub-
miserunt se stare decreto honorabilium virorum Thome Annand de
Ouchterellane et Johannis Chene de Drumquhendill pro parte dictorum
Patricii et Thome / et Willelmi Forbes de Tochon et Alexandri Fraser
junioris domini de Durres pro parte dictorum Magistri Alexandri et Jo-
hannis amicabilium compositorum cum honorabili viro Alexandro Chene
de Straloch in causa discordie superiore penes cognitionem merchia-
rum terrarum de lie Ald Mil de Esselmonth sibi Patricio hereditarie in-
cumbentium et terrarum de Chapiltoun de Esselmont contigue adja-
centium . Quiquidem arbiter et superior una cum dictis arbitris necnon
cum assensu ambarum partium statuit prout in vulgari sequitur . . . Be-
gynand at the Dam fald of the Ald mil and ascendand up that get besuth
Stobyys buttis quhyle it cum to the south neuk of the Broune fald And
fra that passand northerlie kepand the dyke as proper merch quhyl it
cum to the north neuk of the said fald And sua keepand the dyke and
ascendand westerly up quhyl it come to the west neuk of the said Broun
fald And fra that passand westerly to the north neuk of the Hely fald as
it is propit to the Hely fald And all the south pairt to be property to
Chapiltoun and the north pairt to be property to the Ald mil and all the
lef fra the north neuk of the Hely fald up quhyl it cum to Clochteruperam
stan and ward of Dumbrech to lye in commonty . Acta erant hec anno
mense et die quibus supra . Presentibus ibidem Willelmo Hay de Brak-
low . Thoma Chene . Johanne Fortree . Johanne Panton . et Magistro
Gilberto Chalmer cum diuersis alijs . Roberto Egew presbitero Sancti
Andree diocesis notario publico .

Obligatioun to Schyr Patrik Cheine of Essilmonth ¹—(A.D. 1544.)

To all and sundry quhom it efferis we George erl of Erroll lord Hay and
Constabil of Scotland . Greeting in God everlastin . Witt yhour univ-

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.

Sir Patrick Cheyn of Essilmonth, knight, with the consent of Thomas Cheyn his son and
heir, in the year 1550, gave to the eight chaplains of the choir of the King's College of the
University of Aberdeen an annual rent of eleven merks Scots from his lands of Nedder or Graye
Fortree, or Fairley, with the mills, lying beside the water of Ythan, within the barony of Ellain
and regality of St. Andrews. (Fasti Aberdonenses, p. 122.)]

siti that forsamekile as umquhill William erl of Erroll . fader brother son to us the said George . sauld to Schyr Patrick Chein of Essilmont knight our tender cousin and servand the toun and landis of Tawarty within our baronie of Slanis and schirefdom of Aberdene by charter and precept of seasin of the date at Aberdeine the sextein day of May the yeir of God . j^m. v^o. and sextein yeiris . And that the said Schyr Patrick gave for the said infetment a reversion to the said umquhil Erl and his ayris male gottin of his body allanerly brukeing the surname and bearand the armes of Hayis . quhilk reversion is expyred because thar is na ayris male lauchfullie gottin or descendit of the said umquhill William erl of Errollis own body on life . And siclyke the said Schyr Patrick becam bound man and servant to the said umquhill Erl and his ayres male gotten of his body beand of fourteen yeiris of age to ryde and gang with tham in pace and weir agains al deidly his alledgeance to our Soverane Lord beand exceptit allanerly as in his band of manrent giffin at Slanis the twenty furt day of May . j^m. v^o. sextein yeiris^a at mair lenth is contenit . And siclyke the said Schyr Patrick is becum for himself and an air and successor immediatly next succedand to him in his landis of Esselmont true and aefauld servantis to us and our ayres male and successouris of the surname of Hay and has given to us his band of manrent togeder with a letter of reversioun for redemyng the saidis landis of Tawertie under the soum of sex hundreth merkis . For the quhilk caussis we bind us to maintain and defend and tak plain part with the said Schyr Patrick and an ayre succeeding after him his kin and freindis and servandis in all thair honest and just querrellis and contraversies quhatsoever and that on our expensis in tym of pace and in tym of weir and osting on his and his freindis awn expenss . and sall do all things that appertanis to a guid master to his servand . and sal maintain the said Schyr Patrick in the paceable possessing of the landis of Tawarty . and sall not molest nor trouble him quhilk giff it happinis us to do as God forbid in that case the said Schir Patrick sall haue fre regres to the landis of Litle Arnage and mil thair of conform to his brotheris right and obligation given him be our umquhill fader broder son . In witnes of the quhilk thing we have subscrivit thir presentis with our hand at Slanis the sevent day of

^a [It is printed in the Miscellany of the Spalding Club, vol. II., p. 267.]

Januarij the yeir of God . j^m. v^c. fourtie thre yeiris . Befor thir witness William Turing of Foverine . Patrick Mowat of Bocholly . William Hay in Auchery . John Hay of Crimonmogat . Maister Gilbert Chalmer and Alexander Hay

George erle of Erroll .

Cognitioun on the merchis betuix Nethir Ardlethen and the Ald mil of Essilmonth¹ —(A.D. 1551.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo primo . mensis Julij die vero vigesimo nono . in mei notarij publici et testium subscriptorum presentijs personaliter constitut honorabil men William Leisk of that Ilk . William Hay of Archirie . in name of an nobil potent lord George earle of Errole / and Alexander Chalmer of Balnacraig . Arthur Forbes . Alexander Hay portioneris of Nether Ardlethin on that an pairt . and Thomas Chene fier of Esselmont with consent of Patrik Chene of Esselmont knight on that other pairt . are agreit tuiching the debates intentit befor the schiref of Aberdene be vertue of our Soverane Lordis lettres contrar the said Alexander Chalmer Arthur Forbes Alexander Hay and their tenentis for the breaking of the ald marchis made be umquhill William maister of Errole and Henry Chene of Esselmonth betuixt the landis of Nethir Ardlethin and the Ald mil of Esselmont and especially for the breaking of the gate ascending fra Aquharnies furd halden the hie gate that passit that tym to the Chapel of Dumbreck quhil it cum to Clottinpanis Stane quhere it was and stuid in the tym of the first division whilk was in the yeir of God . j^m. five hundreth and sex yeris the . xxj . day of Aprile . The said parteis has callit the

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.

There is in the charter room at Slaines a copy of a deed dated on the seventh of August, 1560, by which Andrew, master of Erroll, ratifies the marches between his lands of Ardlthein on the one side, and the lands of Chapeltown and Aldmil of Essilmonth, belonging to Thomas Chene of Essilmonth, on the other, as they are set down in the deed referred to in the text, of the twenty-first of April, 1506: "Acta erant hec super solum dictarum terrarum presentibus ibidem fidedignis viris Jacobo Gordon de Haldø . Willelmo Auchinleck de Schery . Johanne Hay de Moichillis . Thoma Hay rectore de Drummaik etc. . Henrico Birney artium magistro notario publico."

maist famous and eldest men and tane cognitionn on the said gate breaking and hes considerit the same And because the gate is won upon the said Patrick and Thomas / the said William Leisk and William Hay procuratoris for the said lord George earl of Erroll / Alexander Chalmer Arthur Forbes and Alexander Hay portioneris forsaid hes ratified the foresaid marches made as said is and has gert set carnis ascendand fra the said Arquharnies furd quhyl it cum to the myre where Clottinpenys Stane lyes now and the said gate reid that tyme sa that thar sall na party be hurt throw wrangis merchies in tymes cuming . And als hes removit the other merchis descendand fra the said Clottinpennistane to the Laverok carne and sa doun as it wes first merchit on the Ald mil quhyl it cum to the said Aquharnies furd . Acta erant hoc prope vadum nuncupatum Acquharnies furd super fundo dictarum terrarum sub anno die et mense quibus supra presentibus ibidem honestis discretis viris Johanne Arthur etc. . Willelmo Proctur presbitero Aberdonensis diocesis notario publico.

Ane Instrument quhair Essilmond ves requyrit to serue the Maister of Erroll the tym of parliament etc.¹ —(A.D. 1567.)

The fyift day of December the zeir of God ane thousand five hundreth sextie sevin zeiris . The said day personallie constitut ane honorabill man Williame Leisk of that Ilk procuratour . . . to ane nobill and potent lord Androw maister of Erroll . . . past to the personall presens of ane honorabill man Patrick Cheyne of Essilmontht oy and air of wmquhill Sir Patrik Cheyne of Essilmontht knyght and declarit and schew to him and his airis that his umquhill guidsir . . . grantit ane band for him and his airis to George erle of Erroll his airis or successouris oblessing the said umquhill Sir Patrik and his airis to serue the said Erle his airis and successouris as the samyn band in the selff mair fullily proportis the quhilk wes of befoir deuly and sufficientlie be the said Maister and his procuratour intimeit to the said Patrick Cheyne nov of Essilmontht . . . And it is of treuth that the Maister is allreddy infest heretablie haldin of

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Slaines.]

our Souerane in . . . the barronie of Slanis . . . and is successour therof to the said Erle and thairfor of the mynd of the said contract the said Patrik Cheyne of Essilmontht as air to his said wmqhill guidair is astrictit to serue the said Maister and becaus that the Maister is Constable and astrickit to serve in our Soueranis parliament quhilk is to begyn the xv. day of this instant and alsua becaus that Johne Hay of Mvchallis brother to the said Maister is summondit to wnderly the law befor the justice and his deputtis within the Tolbuyth of Edinburgh the xi. day of this instant moneth of December for keiping of the quhilkis the said Maister is to ryid to Edinburgh Thairfor the said William procuratour forsaid . . . requirit the said Patrik oy and air foirsaid to ryid with the foirsaid Maister to Edinburgh thair to serue him at the said day of law and parliament conform to the tennour of the said band and protestit in cace the said Patrik failzeit thairannent that the foirsaid Maister mycht have sic actioun aganis the said Patrik as accordis of the law . . . And the said Patrik in respect of the said band wes nocht presentlie producit protestit he incurrit na skayth dampnege nor danger nochtwithstanding the said requisitioun . Super quibus . . . dicti Vilhelmus Leisk procurator prefati Andree magistri de Erroll et Patricius Cheyne de Essilmonth hincinde a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petierunt ac quilibet eorum petiit instrumentum / Acta erant hec apud messuagium de [. . .] hora tertia post meridiem aut eocirca presentibus ibidem Magistro Francisco Cheyne Joanne Leisk filio dicti Wilhelmi Leisk de eodem Nigello Neilsone famulo dicti Andree magistri de Erroll Dauide Reid fratre germano Gilberti Reid de Collestoun et Vilhelmo Reytht cum diuersis aliis testibus . . .

Ita est Vilhelmus Bruce notarius publicus . . .

Discharge to the lard of Essilmont.¹—(A.D. 1571.)

Till all and sindry quhom it efferis we George erl of Errol lord Hay and Constabil of Scotland . Greeting in God everlasting . That albeit an nobil man umquhyll Schir Patrick Cheine of Essilmont band him for him-

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

self an air and successor to become true and awfald servand to us . we for the speciall favour love and kyndnes quhilkis we earnestly bearis towards our trust cousin and servand Patrick Chene now of Esselmont discharges Patrik Chein now of Essilmont oy and ayr levand immediatly after the deceise of the said Schir Patrick his guidshir of all the contentis of the said band sua that he be astrictit to na kynd of service to our ayris or successouris but only to us during our life tym upon our expenssis quhen he beis requyrit thairto . And forder forsameikle as we gaif to the said umquhyl Schir Patrick the nonentrie of the town and landis of Tawerty with the discharge of the reversion of the saidis landis as in our gifts made at Musselburgh the eight day of September the yeir of God . j^m. v^o. fourty seven yeiris^a at mair length is contenit . quhilkis giftis we ratifies to the said Patrick in all poyntis . In witnes of all and sundry the premisses to thir presentis subscrivit with our hand our seill of armis is appendit at Sanct Johnston the twenty two day of July the yeir of God . j^m. v^o. seventy and ane yeiris befor thir witnessis James Hepburn of Rolanstown . Maister Francis Chein and Maister Hector Turner .

Service on Arnadge.¹ —(A.D. 1692.)

April 15, 1692 . Special Service of David Rickart as nearest heir male and of tallie to his immediate elder brother George Rickart eldest son of the deceased Mr. George Rickart of Arnadge in . . . the dominical lands commonly called the Maynes of Arnadge and the old dominical lands with the manor place . . . and pertinents thereof Cardononhill the old Culter crofts and Adamhill with . . . the other hills parts and pendicles thereof the outsetis cottages of said lands and dominical lands etc. . . . the town and lands of Cowie with the tower fort . . . and pertinents thereof . . . the town and lands of Cairntyassie Cairndalzie and the croft thereof with . . . the . . . pertinents thereof . . . the towns and lands of the upper and lower Ardquhardlish with the upper meal mill the over corne mill of Arnadge the lands of the Mill town the mill lands multures and knaveships thereof of old called the fullers mill of Arnadge

^a [That is, on the eve of the battle of Pinkie.]

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

. . . the town and lands of Lamermuir with the . . . pertinents thereof with the special privilege liberty and power of a free barony and pite and gallows lying in the parish of Ellon and shire of Aberdeen . Which said lands above written with the pertinents are held in chief of the King and Queen in taxed ward fee and heritage perpetually for payment of the taxed following viz. for yearly payment during ward and non entry of said dominical lands the Maynes manor place mill lands and others above specified of the sum of sixteen pounds Scots at two terms of the year . . . Also the like sum of sixteen pounds Scots for relief thereof . . . along with the sum of two hundred merks Scots for the marriage of an heir of said lands and others . . . according to charter under the great seal by Charles II. to the said deceased Mr. George Rickart in liferent and the said George Rickart his eldest son and the heirs male procreat of his body whom failing to the said David Rickart and the heirs male of his body whom likewise failing to any other heirs male or assignees whomsoever of the said deceased Mr. George Rickart . . .

Service on Rosehill, Arnage, etc.¹ —(A.D. 1692.)

July 8, 1692 . Special Service of John Ross as nearest heir of his father John Ross of Rosehill in . . . the lands and barony of Hiltowne (now called Rosehill) comprehending the particular towns lands mills mill lands fishings tithes and others underwritten viz. . . . the town and lands of Hiltown with the dominical lands and manor place thereof houses &c. the town and lands of Kinnarachie with the houses &c. mill of Kinnarachie mill lands astrict multures and sequells of said lands with the . . . pertinents thereof as said lands of Hiltown of Kinnarachie with the mill lands and others above written are bounded according to the old rights and infeftments thereof And also . . . the salmon fishing on the water of Ythan pertaining to said lands of Kinnarachie with . . . the . . . pendicles . . . thereof along with the . . . tithes as well rectorial as vicarage of said lands and others . . . all lying in the parish of Ellon and shire of Aberdeen And also . . . the rest of the lands of said barony

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

of Hiltowne particularly underwritten viz. . . . the town and lands of Blinburne with the houses . . . and pertinents thereof with the liberty and privilege of . . . winning . . . sods &c. in the mosses of Tulliedask . . . And . . . the town of Kirkhill with the houses &c. And also . . . the town and lands of Milltown of Arnadge and lower meal mill thereof commonly called Doupmill with the mill lands astrict multures sequells and knaveships . . . the town and lands of Litle Arnadge Corsehills Whytehillock Alehouse croft and lands called Procurators croft with the fullers mill of said lands And . . . the meal mill of Litle Arnadge with the mill lands astrict multures sequells and knaveships . . . all lying in the foresaid parish of Ellon and shire of Aberdeen and first . . . erected into one whole and free barony called the barony of Hiltowne . . . Which foresaid lands barony mills . . . &c. are all now united . . . into one whole and free barony . . . to be called the barony of Rosehill according to charter under the great seal by Charles II. to the foresaid John Ross of Rosehill and Margaret Udnie his spouse and either of them in conjunct fee and liferent and the heirs male and assignees of the said John Ross given at Edinburgh the 8 December 1682.

*Carta Thome Kynidy constabulario de Abirden.*¹ —(A.D. 1413.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Isabella Mofet salutem . . . Novit universitas vestra me in pura viduitate et legitima potestate mea cum consensu . . . Willelmi Quhite filij mei . . . vendidisse nec non . . . confirmasse Thome Kynidy constabulario de Abirden omnes terras meas montis de Ardgithe et Cushnochley in tenemento de Elon cum pertinentiis et per rectas divisas suas . . . Tenendas . . . predicto Thome heredibus suis et suis assignatis a me heredibus meis et meis assignatis de domino meo Episcopo Sancti Andree qui pro tempore fuerit in capite . . . Faciendo inde fructum domino meo Episcopo Sancti Andree supradicto debitum et consuetum quantum ad dictas terras de jure pertinet . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte mee sigillum meum est appensum una cum sigillo Willielmi Quhite filij mei predicti apud Elon

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Ellon]

quarto die mensis Junij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo decimo tertio .

Preceptum sasine Thome Kynidy constabulario de Abirden tradende.¹
—(A.D. 1416.)

Symon de Etale precentor ecclesie cathedralis de Abirden dilecto meo Philippo de Drumbrek domino eiusdem ballivo meo in hac parte salutem . Quia concessi Thome Kynidy constabulario de Abirden totas terras meas de Ardgeth jacentes infra balliam de Elon vobis precipio . . . quatinus dicto Thome vel suo certo actornato sasinam hereditariam dictarum terrarum cum suis pertinentiis secundum tenorem carte sue quam inde habet de me factam sine dilatione haberi faciatis . . . Datum apud Aberdon decimo die mensis Maij . anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo decimo sexto .

Carta confirmationis Episcopi.¹—(A.D. 1416.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Henricus permissione divina episcopus Sancti Andree salutem . . . Sciatis nos . . . in perpetuum confirmasse . . . concessionem . . . illas quas fecit . . . Dominus Symon de Etale precentor ecclesie cathedralis Abirdonensis de medietate terre de Ardgeth cum pertinentiis [et] fecit . . . Ibbota Moffet de medietate terre montis de Ardgeth cum Cushnochley et quinta parte terre de Balmacloych . . . Thome Kynedy constabulario de Abirden . . . jacentibus infra balliam de Ellone infra vicecomitatum de Abirden Tenendis . . . dicto Thome Kynedy heredibus suis vel suis assignatis de nobis et successoribus nostris Episcopis Sancti Andree qui pro tempore fuerint in feodo [et] hereditate in perpetuum . . . Salvis tamen ecclesie de Elone [et] nobis et successoribus nostris Episcopis Sancti Andree serviciis de dictis terris cum pertinentiis debitis annuatim et consuetis In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmationis sigillum nostrum auten-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Ellon.]

ticum fecimus apponi apud nostrum palacium Sancti Andree die vicesima septima mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo decimo sexto .

Carta Gilberto Haye. ¹ —(A.D. 1473.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Symon Bannerman de Alesik ac dominus octave partis terrarum de Argeith salutem . . . Noveritis me . . . dedisse . . . et omnino vendidisse . . . honorabili viro Gilberto Haye filio Gilberti Haye de Dronlawe militis omnes et singulas terras meas octave partis terrarum de Argeith cum pertinentiis que infra limites earundem continentur quas teneo in capite de Domino meo Sancti Andree jacentes in scolaria de Ellon infra vicecomitatum de Abberden . . . Tenendas . . . predictas terras . . . prefato Gilberto heredibus suis et suis assignatis de me heredibus meis et meis assignatis in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim prefatus Gilbertus heredes sui et sui assignati michi heredibus meis et meis assignatis unum denarium argenti nomine albe firme in festo Penthecostes super fundum dictarum terrarum . . . si petatur tantum pro omni alio servicio seculari tam domino meo superiori quam etiam ecclesie de Ellon debito . . . Et ego vero prefatus Symon heredes mei et assignati mei . . . prenomintas terras . . . per omnes terras meas habitas et habendas et specialiter per terras de Watertone prefato Gilberto heredibus suis et suis assignatis . . . in perpetuum fideliter defendemus . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee est appensum apud Ellon duodecimo die mensis Februarij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo lxxij^o Testibus David Annand de Ochterellon Symone Bannerman de Balmacase Dominis Alexandro Bannerman Arthuro Kynnedey et Thoma de Leis capellanis cum diversis aliis .

Preceptum sasine de terris de Carmuk et Argeicht. ¹ —(A.D. 1484.

Gilbertus Hay de Carmuk honorabili viro Willielmo Laisk de eodem

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Ellon.]

ballivo meo . . . salutem . Quia dedi . . . carissimo filio meo Waltero Hay . . . terras meas tertie partis orientalis de Carmuk una cum octava parte terrarum mearum de Ardgeicht in eadem villa cum suis pertinentiis jacentes in parochia de Ellon infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene tanquam meo vero assignato et in jure meo translato quare vobis precipio . . . quatinus prefato Valtero . . . aut suo certo actornato . . . sasinam . . . dictarum terrarum cum pertinentiis tradatis . . . Datum sub sigillo meo apud Ellon quarto die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo quarto coram hijs testibus Domino Thoma Leis vicario de Ellon Matheo de Knokothie et Thoma Roberti cum diuersis alijs .

Carta Valtero Hay. ¹—(A.D. 1506.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Allexander Banarman de Vattirton ac dominus superioritatis octave partis terrarum de Ardgeicht Salutem . . . Noveritis me dedisse . . . honorabili viro Valtero Hay in Carnmwk omnes et singulas terras dicte octave partis terrarum de Argeicht cum pertinentiis que infra earundem continentur limites quas teneo in capite de Domino meo Sancti Andree jacentes in scolaria de Ellon infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene Quequidem terre cum pertinentiis fuerunt dicti Walteri et quas idem Walterus . . . in manibus meis tanquam in manibus Domini superioris earundem . . . simpliciter resignavit . . . anno mense die loco et coram testibus infra scriptis Tenendas . . . predictas terras . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim prefatus Valterus heredes sui et sui assignati michi et heredibus meis unum denarium argenti nomine albe firme in festo Penticostes . . . si petatur tantum pro omni alio seruicio seculari

[Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Ellon.]

On the 28th April, 1515, sasine is given to Gilbert Hay, son and heir of Walter Hay, "olim de Meikill Artroquhy" personally, "de omnibus et singulis terris octave partis de Argeyth," by Alexander Annand of Ochterellon, baillie, and also, "de terris de Watterton in varantizationem dictarum terrarum de Ardgeth," in virtue of a precept by "Alexander Bannerman de Wattertoun et dominus superioritatis octave partis de Argeith," dated on the 26th April in the same year.

On the 25th September, 1518, Henry Bannerman of Wattertoun grants a precept to infeft Gilbert Hay in the eighth part of the lands of Arguith, as heir of Walter Hay in Meikle Artroquhy. (Originals in the charter chest at Ellon.)

tam domino meo superiori quam ecclesie de Ellon debito . . . Et ego vero prefatus Allexander et heredes mei . . . prenomatas terras . . . per omnes terras nostras . . . et specialiter per terras de Vatertoun prefato Valtero heredibus suis et suis assignatis contra omnes mortales . . . in perpetuum defendemus . . . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee est appensum apud ecclesiam de Fouern penultimo die mensis Marcij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto coram his testibus videlicet venerabili in Christo patre Jacobo abbate de Deyr Wilhelmo Hay magistro de Erroll Wilhelmo Turing de Fouern Andrea Tulidef de eodem Andrea Strathquhyn et Magistro Alexandro Massie notario publico cum diversis aliis .

Sasina data Johanni Kempty de officio Constabularie de Abirdene.¹
—(A.D. 1551.)

Vicecomes de Abirdene respondebit pro ix libris de firmis officij Constabularie de Abirdene cum vniuersis suis iuribus et priuilegiis ac pertinentiis existentibus in manibus Regine per spacium nouem annorum vltimo elapsorum ratione warde sasina non recuperata Et pro xx solidis de releuo eiusdem Regine debitis per sasinam datam Johanni Kempty de eodem Apud Edinburgh nono die mensis Junij anno regni Regine nono .

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

In the account of Sir William of Lydelle, sheriff of Aberdeen, rendered in exchequer for the period between Easter, 1358, and the 19th March, 1359, is this entry: "Et onerat se de . lxxvj. solidis . et . viij. denariis de medietate piscarie del Rake super aquam de Dee de duobus terminis Pentecostes et Sancti Martini . Et nihil hic de alia medietate predictae piscarie / quia in manu Constabularij de Abirden ex antiquo tempore." (Compota Camerariorum Scotiae, vol. i., p. 299.)

The Lord High Treasurer of Scotland, in his account for October, 1562, (MS. in the General Register House), takes credit for the following payment: "Item to Johne Calder Bute pursuivant and David Ramsay messinger for thair ordinar wagis passand of Abirdene with lettres to charge the Erle of Huntley to rander twa falcons and canone with thair bulletis / and with ane charge to charge Johne Kemp of Cormuk constable of Abirdene to cum to the samyn and await vpoun his office . xvij. to xx. d."]

Preceptum de clare constat in favorem Willelmi Hay.¹—(A.D. 1556.)

Alexander Bannerman de Wattertoun ac dominus superior octave partis de Argeytht dilectis meis Joanni Kempty* constabulario de Aberdene ballivis meis . . . Quia michi clare constat quod quondam Gilbertus Hay de Mekill Artroquhy obiit ultimo sasitus . . . de tota et integra dicta octava parte terrarum de Argeytht cum suis pertinentiis quas teneo de domino Archiepiscopo Sancti Andree jacente in scolaria de Ellon et infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Et quod Willelmus Hay frater germanus dicti quondam Gilberti est propinquior et legitimus heres dicti sui fratris de . . . dicta octava parte de Argeytht . . . Vobis igitur . . . precipio . . . quatinus prefato Willielmo . . . aut suo certo actornato . . . sasinam . . . dictarum terrarum . . . tradatis . . . In cuius rei testimonium . . . sigillum meum est appensum apud Abirdene decimo septimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo sexto . . . Testibus Alexandro Forbes de Pitsligo Magistris Roberto Lumisden Georgio Forbes cum diversis aliis .

Service on Ardgight etc.²—(A.D. 1690.)

July 9, 1690 . Special service of Alexander Cumming now of Crimond

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Ellon.]

On the 3rd November, 1562, Alexander Bannerman of Wattertoun grants precept of clare constat directed to Alexander Wyth his ballie, for infesting William Hay of Delgaty in the said lands of the eighth part of Ardgelth, with the pertinents, as nearest and lawful heir of William Hay, brother-german of the deceased Alexander Hay, freetenement of Delgaty. William Hay of Delgaty is infest, accordingly, on the 22d of March following, Thomas Cheyne of Esselmont appearing as his procurator.

On the 31st May, 1585, George Bannerman of Wattertoun grants precept of clare constat in favour of Alexander Hay of Delgaty as heir to the said William Hay of Delgaty his brother in these lands; "Testibus . . . Valtero Abbate de Kinloss, Willielmo Leisk de eodem, Roberto Innes de Kynkell," etc. Sasine following on this precept is given on the 5th of the succeeding July. (Originals in the charter chest at Ellon.)]

* [John Kempty was, on the 20th February, 1542-3, infest in the lands of Carymuck, Clayhillis, Knokothy, with houses, &c., in the town of Ellon, on a precept of clare constat in his favour, as heir to John Kympty of Carymuck his father, granted by John, Archbishop of St. Andrews. (Original in the charter chest at Ellon.)]

² [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

as nearest heir of his father Mr. Alexander Cumming sometime of Brunt-hill afterwards of Birnes in . . . the lands of Borrowley the town and lands of Kirkhill the whole towns and lands of Borrowley with the dominical lands of Cairnmucks mill of Cairnmucks mill lands multures sequells and knaveships thereof with the town and lands of Cuttieshill and also the town and lands of Clayhills the new mill thereof with the mill lands multures sequells and knaveships of the same And likewise in the riggs roods tenements acres and gardens in and about the town of Ellon And likewise in the lands called Fyvielands of Ellon now called Clayhills with the tower and fort of Ardgight gardens &c. of the same with the town and lands of Knockorthie houses . . . and whole pertinents belonging to said lands and others lying in the parish of Ellon regality of St. Andrews and shire of Aberdeen with the tithes rectorial and vicarage of said whole lands . Which whole lands . . . and others above recited were lately held of the Archbishop of St. Andrews in feu farm for yearly payment . . . of the sum of eight shillings Scots at the feast of St. Martin and this for the sustentation of two clerical singers in the parish church of Ellon in name of feu farm along with the sum of eight pence Scots at the foresaid term in augmentation of rental . . . according to the retour of Thomas Forbes now of Wattertown as heir of the deceased Sir John Forbes of Wattertown his father.

*Assignatio terrarum de Ardgrane Alexandro de Irwyne de Drum.*¹—
(A.D. 1422.)

Vniuersis hoc scriptum visuris . . . Johannes Harrowar vnus heredum quondam Margarete Harrowar domine de Ardgrane salutem . . . Noueritis me dedisse . . . et titulo vendicionis tradidisse . . . nobili domino Alexandro de Irwyne domino de Drvm et heredibus suis et suis assignatis totum jus et clameum juris que habui habeo seu quouismodo habere potero . in futurum in terris de Ardgrane cum pertinenciis in comitatu Buchanie infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene seu in aliqua parte earundem terrarum . . . Insuper obligo me firmiter ad laborandum et prosecu-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Drum.]

tiones facere contra recuperatores predictarum terrarum quotiens et quando per dictum Alexandrum et heredes suos vel assignatos fuimus requisiti . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus apposui et propter maiorem rei euidenciam sigillum commune burgi de Abirdene vna cum sigillo Willielmi de Camera domini de Fyndon cum instantia presentibus apponi procuraui apud Abirdene nono die mensis Junij anno Domini m^o. cccc^{mo}. xxij.

Letter by John Allerdes of that Ilk on the lands of Ardgrane.¹—
(A.D. 1485.)

Be it kend tile al men . . . me Jhone of Allerdes of that Ilk . . . trewly byndis and obleisis me myne airis and myne assignaiis tile ane nobile man Alexander Irvin of Drum and til his airis and assignaiis as forsamekle that the said Alexander Irvin of Drum has gifen . . . and in few ferme has lattin to me myne airis and assignaiis heretabilly al and sindry the landis of Fulzemond witht thair pertinens lyand in the barony of Auchindour within the shirefdome of Abirdene in warandeis and sickirnes of the landis of the twa part of Ardgrane witht thair pertinens lyand in the erldome of Buchane within the said shirefdome of Abirdene under this condition and cass that gife it sall happin me myne airis or assingnaiis to be . . . trubulit in the said landis of Ardgrane witht thar pertinens be ony persone or personis hauand ony richt to the forsaid landis of Ardgrane witht thar pertinens sa that I the said Jhone myne ayeris and myne assignaiis may nocht bruik and joyis the said landis of Ardgrane witht thar pertinens as God forbeid thain the said landis of Fulzemond sal remane witht me and my airis and my assingnaiis in fee and heritage for euer . . . In witnes of the quhilkis to thir our present lettres my seile is appensit at Abirdeine the xxiiii. day of Nouember the zer of God a thousand four hundreth four schor and five zeris befor thir witnes Master Adame of Gordone persone of Kinkel Robert Abirbuthnet of that Ilk Alexander Menzeis Alexander Burnat of Leis Alexander Irvin of Belteis Schir Jhone Streveling and Schir Robert Leis notaris witht uthir diuers.

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Drum.]

De relictis Willelmi Herrowar. ¹ —(A.D. 1506.)

Curia vicecomitatus de Abirdene tenta in pretorio burgi de Abirdene sexto die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto per honorabilem virum Alexandrum Bannerman de Watirtoun vicecomitis deputatum de Abirdene. Willelmus Fraser de Phillorth Gilbertus Hay de Ardendraucht milites Willelmus Craufurd de Federay Alexander Caldour de Sonnahard Duncanus Thomsonsone de Auchnahamparis Thomas Fraser de Stanewod Alexander Skene de eodem Alexander Johnnestoun de eodem Willelmus Turing de Fouerne Andreas Tulidess de eodem Willelmus Vrry de Petfeche Willelmus Blakhall de Barrauch de Bourty Johannes Gardin de Durlatheris Alexander Mortimer de Cragiuer et Johannes Troup de Comolegy jurati dicunt quod Joneta Guthre relictis quondam Willelmi Herrowar tenetur habere rationabilem terciam tercię partis terrarum de Ardgranne cum pertinentiis que attigit habere suam terciam in solari parte earundem per sortes proiectas in curia.

Carta Roberto Innes de Innermarky. ² (A.D. 1527.)

Johannes comes Buchanie . . . [noueritis] . . . me . . . dare . . . et confirmare honorabili viro Roberto Innes de Innermarky omnes et sin-

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Ellon.]

On the thirtieth day of April following, the King granted precept to infest Robert Innes of Invermarkie in these lands; and on the twenty ninth day of May, 1528, William Wod of Bonyn-toun, as procurator for John, Earl of Buchan, resigned the lands in the hands of his Majesty: "Qua resignatione sic . . . facta et per prefatum supremum dominum nostrum Regem recepta et admissa idem dominus noster Rex . . . prescriptas terras de Ardgrane et Caldwellis cum pertinentiis . . . creavit . . . et incorporavit in unam integram liberam baroniam abinde . . . vocandam baroniam de Ardgrain et honorabili viro Willelmo Suthirland de Duffus actornato prefati Roberti Innes . . . prescriptas terras deliberavit." The witnesses are James Hamilton of Fynnart, knight, John Charteris, John Guthrey, notary, etc.

On the twenty sixth day of November, 1534, Robert Innes of Innermarky grants to Alexander Innes his second son, and the heirs male to be procreated of his body, whom failing, to himself (Robert Innes) and his heirs whomsoever, his lands and barony of Ardgraine, Cauldwillis, and Péttauchie. The witnesses are Duncan Chalmers, chancellor of Ross, William Hay of Mane,

gulas terras de Argrayne et Cauldwellis cum earum pertinentiis jacentes in comitatu Buchanie et infra vicecomitatum de Abirden Quequidem terre cum pertinentiis fuerunt Johannis Allardes de eodem hereditarie et quas idem Johannes . . . in manibus meis tanquam in manibus domini superioris earundem apud Haltoun coram subscriptis testibus . . . simpliciter resignavit . . . Tenendas . . . predictas terras predicto Roberto Innes heredibus suis et assignatis de me heredibus meis et assignatis in feodo et in hereditate in perpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim dictus Robertus Innes heredes sui et assignati michi heredibus meis et assignatis Comitibus Buchanie apud montem de Elloun ad festum Pentecostes unum denarium argenti nomine albe firme si petatur tantum pro warda relevio maritagio secta curie aut aliquo alio serviticio seculari . . . In cuius rei testimonium . . . sigillum meum est appensum una cum mea subscriptione manuali apud burgum de Banff v^o Septembris m^o v^o xxvii^o coram his testibus venerabili viro Domino Patricio Grantuly rectore de Glasse Georgio Bard de Ordinhuff Patricio Meldrum de Edane Georgio Mortimer de Auchinvaird Johanne Stewart Domino Thoma Finlawsoun capellano Jacobo Ruthuane Magistro Alexandro Cromar et Patricio Duncani notariis publicis cum diversis aliis .

Johne Erle of Bouchquhan .

Instrumentum Johannis comitis Buchanie de resignatione dictarum terrarum in manibus Regis. ¹—(A.D. 1528.)

Excellentissimo et potentissimo principi ac domino metuendo Jacobo Dei gratia Scottorum Regi illustrissimo salutem . Vester humilis Johannes comes Buchanie ac dominus de Ouchterhouse . . . ad . . . simpliciter resignandum . . . in manus vestre serenissime Maiestatis omnes et singulas terras meas de Argrayne et Caldwallis cum suis pertinentiis

Patrick Ogilvy of Kessoek, James Dunbar of Casteltown, Mr. John Bissat, vicar of Kilmyr, and William Jamieson, etc. This grant was confirmed by charter under the great seal, dated 19th January, 1533.

The sasine in favor of Alexander Innes, proceeding on his father's charter and precept and the King's confirmation, is dated 14th July, 1537.—(Originals in the charter chest at Ellon.)]

[Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Ellon.]

jacentes infra comitatum de Buchane et infra vicecomitatum de Aberden quas de vestra serenissima Maiestate in capite teneo . . . Henricum Crampe Willielmum Bard Willielmum Wod de Bonyntoun ac eorum quemlibet meos . . . procuratores irrevocabiles . . . constituo . . . in favorem honorabilis viri Roberti Innes de Innermarky . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti meo procuratorio subscriptione subscripto mea manuali est appensum apud Lesmoir quarto die Marcij millesimo quingentesimo xxvij^o coram his testibus Jacobo Gordoun de Culquhathlstan Jacobo Vemyss de Ret Jacobo Thorbrand ac Magistris Vilhelmo Thomson Andrea Stewynson capellanis ac notariis publicis cum diversis aliis .

Carta sub magno sigillo Alexandro Innes et sponse ejus.¹ —(A.D. 1551.)

Maria . . . sciatis nos cum avisamento [et] consensu charissimi nostri consanguinei et tutoris Jacobi ducis de Chattellarault Aranie comitis

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Ellon.]

In the same repository there is a letter under the sign manual "James R," countersigned "Ruthven," and dated "at Halyruidhous the xxvj. day of November, of our regne the threttene year, 1579"—dispensing "with the Shiref of Aberdene and his deputis and personis of Inquelist quhillis sall happin to pass upone the service of the breif impetrate be Robert Innes of Innermarkie for serving of him, nearest and lawful heir of umquhile Alexander Innes of Ardgrane, his father brother, of all and hail the landis of Ardgrane, with the pertinents, . . . notwithstanding Grissil Auchinleck, his spouse, conjunct feare or lyvercenter of the saids landis be yet on lyve."

On the twelfth day of January, 1579-80, the retour of the special service of Robert Innes of Innermarkie, as nearest and lawful heir of Alexander Innes of Ardgrain his uncle (patruus) in the lands of Ardgrain, Cauldwalls, and Pettauchy, was expedite, "in presentia Joannis Leslie de Balquhane vicecomitis de Aberdeen, Jacobi Leslie, Magistri Thome Leslie, burgensium de Aberden, et Davidis Gunner vicecomitum deputatorum vicecomitatus eiusdem . . . per personas subscriptas videlicet Jacobum Gordoun de Meythlik, Willielmum Hay de Dalgaty, Robertum Turing de Foverne, Joannem Gordoun de Petlurg, Patricium Chene de Essilmont, Willielmum Cheyne de Arnage, Joannem Mortimer de Cragyvar, Andrean Vdny de Tullery, Walterum Barclay de Kynarroquhy, Robertum Gordoun de Halheid, Robertum Innes de Kinkell, Patricium Leyth de Harthill, Alexandrum Irling in Ardley, Walterum Barclay de Towry, et Joannem Cheine de Strallockt." Sasine of these lands was accordingly given on the fifteenth day of February, 1579-80, through William Innes his attorney, to Robert Innes of Innermarkie, as heir to his uncle, by David Gunner mair depute of the sheriffdom of Aberdeen. The warrant for the infeftment is a precept dated 12th February, 1579-80, by John Leslie of Balquhane, sheriff of Abirdene, addressed to Maister Gilbert Bissat, mair of fee, and his deputes. The witnesses to the infeftment are William Hay of Delgaty, Robert Cheyne in Caldwellis, John Cowper, and John Lyoun.—(Originals in the charter chest at Ellon.)]

domini Hamiltoun regni nostri protectoris et gubernatoris dedisse . . . et . . . confirmasse . . . Alexandro Innes de Ardgrane et Grissilidi Auchinlek sue sponse . . . totas et integras terras de Ardgrane cum . . . suis pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Quequidem terre . . . fuerunt dicti Alexandri perprios . . . et [quas] in manibus dicti nostri Gubernatoris . . . simpliciter resignavit Tenendas . . . dictis Alexandro et Grissilidi sue sponse et eorum alteri diutius viventi in conjuncta infeodacione et heredibus masculis inter ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus masculis dicti Alexandri de corpore suo legitimo procreandis quibus omnibus deficientibus heredibus Roberti Innes de Innermarky quibuscunque de nobis et nostris successoribus in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reverendissimo in Christo patre Johanne archiepiscopo Sancti Andree thesaurario nostro . . . Archibaldo comite Ergadie domino Campbell et Lorne et Willielmo domino Ruthuen nostri secreti sigilli custode Magistris Thoma Marjoribanks de Ratho nostrorum rotulorum registri ac consilij clerico Johanne Bellenden de Auchnoule nostre justicie clerico ac Alexandro Levingstone de Donypace nostre cancellarie direttore . Apud Edinburgh die tertio mensis Februarij anno m^o cccc^o l^o et regni nostri nono .

Carta Willelmo Hay de Delgaty. ¹ —(A.D. 1580.)

Robertus Innes de Innermarkie . . . [noueritis] . . . me . . . precipue ob perimpletionem cujusdam contractus . . . confecti inter honorabilem virum Wilhelmm Hay de Delgaty ex una et me partibus ab altera de data apud Aberdene decimo quinto die mensis Januarij j^m. v^o. lxxix. . . vendidisse . . . et . . . confirmasse prefato Wilhelmo Hay de Delgatie et heredibus suis masculis cognomen et arma de Hay gerentibus et suis assignatis terras meas et baroniam de Ardgrane Caldwallis et Pettochie cum molendino granorum earundem . . . et pertinentiis . . . Tenendas . . . a me heredibus meis et assignatis de supremo domino nostro Rege

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Ellon.]

et suis successoribus in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum . . . coram his testibus Joanne Leslye de Balquhane Joanne Hay de Lochloy Roberto Lumsden de Clowaytht Valtero Barclay de Kynarrachie Roberto Innes de Kynkell Alexandro Watson in Turreff et Magistro Gilberto Ross notariis publicis . [Apud Aberdeen 18 Februarii 1579.]

Service on Ardgrein etc.¹—(A.D. 1677.)

February 21, 1677 . Special service of Thomas Forbes as nearest heir of his father Mr. John Forbes of Watertown in . . . the lands of Ardgrein and Broomfield with the multures sequells . . . and pertinents thereof lying in the parish of Ellon and sheriffdom of Aberdeen with the hereditary office of Constable of Aberdeen* and all the privileges liberties profits and commodities belonging to that office with . . . the tithes of the lands of Carmucks Borrowley Watishill Kirkhill mill lands of the same Clayhills Fyvie lands and crofts of Ellon with the . . . pertinents lying in the parish of Ellon and sheriffdom of Aberdeen and also in . . . the lands of Knappernay with the dominical lands of the mains the manor place . . . and pertinents with the mill of Knappernay mill lands astricted multures and knaveships of the same and the lands of Cortie-muir and in . . . the lands of Woodland the lands of Tillienaid as well the sunny as the shady half with the . . . pertinents lying in the sheriffdom of Aberdeen and also in . . . the lands of Mostown . . . with the multures sequells and all the pertinents of the same lying in the parish of Logiebuchan and sheriffdom of Aberdeen and also in . . . the salmon fishing on the water of Ythan as well in the fishings of the cruives as by the boat and net . . . within the bounds following viz. beginning at

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

* [The transference of this office, along with the lands of Carmucks, from the family of Kennedy to that of Forbes of Waterton, was, about the date of this service, successfully resisted, in an action before the Court of Session, by the community of Aberdeen. (MSS. in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.)]

Macherfoord on said water and ascending thereon to Seggiefoord of Fyvie with all . . . the privileges . . . of said fishings with free entry and exit lying 8f old within the barony of Ogilvie by annexation and sherifdom of Aberdeen and also in those four rigs of land called Pattons rigs lying within the territory of Ellon with . . . the tithes thereof with the . . . right of patronage of the parish church and parish of Ellon rectorial and vicarage also lying in the said sherifdom of Aberdeen all . . . incorporated into one free and whole barony called the barony of Ardgrein in all time coming according to royal charter to the said Mr. John Forbes of Watertown of date the 4 August 1669.

*Carta dimidietatis orientalis terrarum de Neddir Ardlathine.*¹—(A.D. 1512.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Vilhelmus comes de Erole dominus de Hay ac Constabularius regni Scocie . . . salutem . Noveritis nos . . . vendidisse . . . dilecto nostro Vilhelmo Chawmir nepoti et heredi apparenti Vilhelmi Chawmir de Balnacrag . . . dimidietatem terrarum nostrarum orientalem de Neddir Ardlathine cum suis pertinentiis dempto molendino jam constructo jacentem in baronia de Slanis infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . . . Tenendam . . . prefato Vilhelmo heredibus suis et suis assignatis de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . unum denarium usualis monete Scocie super solum dictarum terrarum ad festum Pentecostes . . . si petatur tantum . . . In cujus rei testimonium huic carte nostre presenti sigillum nostrum est appensum . Apud Abirdene octauo die mensis Julii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo duodecimo . Presentibus venerabilibus et circumspectis viris David Stradachane de Thorntoune . Valtero Barculay de Towie . Magistro Alexandro Hay canonico Moraviensi . Magistro Duncano Chalmer rectore de Furwe . et Andrea Cullane burgensi de Abirdene . cum diuersis aliis .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Aldbar.]

Instrumentum sasine Willelmi Chawmir in medietate de Neddir Ardlethin¹—(A.D. 1512.)

In Dei nomine Amen . per hoc publicum instrumentum . . . pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo . xij^o die vero mensis Julii decimo quarto . . . in mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus providus vir Johannes Chawmir in Adderwyk ballivus in hac parte nobilis et potentis domini Willelmi comitis de Eroll domini Hay ac Constabularii Scocie quoddam preceptum sasine dicti Comitis . . . michi notario . . . tradidit . . . pro sasina deliberanda Willelmo Chawmir nepoti et heredi Willelmi Chawmir de Balnacrag de terris integre medietatis de Neddir Ordlethin cum pertinentiis . . . Post cuiusquidem precepti lecturam dictus ballivus accessit ad dictas terras . . . et ibidem dictum Willelmum Chawmir . . . in . . . sasinam . . . earundem . . . corporaliter investivit . . . Acta erant hec super solum dictarum terrarum hora octava ante meridiem aut eocirca sub anno die mense . . . quibus supra . Presentibus ibidem Gilberto Oudny / Thoma Oudny ejus filio / Johanne Ross / Henrico Chawmir / et Symone Robertson cum diuersis aliis testibus . . . Johanne Herdman presbytero Sancti Andree diocesis notario publico .

Preceptum sasine terrarum de Mekil Neddir Ordlethin.¹—(A.D. 1514.)

Willelmus comes de Eroll dominus Hay ac Constabularius Scocie dilectis nostris ballivis nostris in hac parte . . . salutem . Vobis . . . mandamus quatinus Alexandro Chawmers filio et heredi quondam Willelmi Chawmers de [] sasinam . . . terrarum de Mekil Neddir Ordlethin cum suis pertinentiis jacentium in baronia nostra de Slanis infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene / molendino de Arnage constructo penitus excepto . . . deliberetis . . . secundum tenorem carte sue . . . saluo jure cujuslibet . Datum sub sigillo nostro apud Aberdene unacum nostra subscriptione manuali vicesimo sexto die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo . xiiij^o.

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Aldbar.]

Preceptum sasine dimedietatis orientalis ville de Neddir Ordlethin.¹—
(A.D. 1516.)

Villelmus comes de Erroll dominus Hay ac Constabularius Scocie dilectis nostris Patricio Cragmyll / Villelmo Hay ballivis nostris in hac parte . salutem . Quia clare nobis constat quod quondam Villelmus Chavmir pater Alexandri Chavmir latoris presencium obiit ultimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad fidem et pacem domini nostri Regis de tota et integra dime- dietate orientali ville de Neddir Ordlethin jacente in baronia de Slanis infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . et quod dictus Alexander est legiti- mus et propinquior heres dicti . patris sui de dictis terris . . . et quod est legitime etatis . et quod de nobis tenentur in capite tanquam de domino superiori earundem . Vobis igitur . . . mandamus quatenus dicto Alexandro vel suo actornato latori presencium . . . sasinam tocus et in- tegre dimedietatis orientalis ville de [Neddir] Ordlethin dempto molen- dino cum pertinenciis ejusdem . . . deliberetis . . . Datum sub nostro sigillo apud Abirdene sexto die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo sexto . Presentibus magistro Alexandro Hay rec- tore de Turreff . Magistro Thoma Hay preposito de Guthre . et Gilberto Chavmir . cum diversis aliis .

Monitio facta Comiti de Erroll et fidejussoribus suis.²—(A.D. 1523.)

Vigesimo secundo die mensis Julij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo tertio . Quo die moniti sunt ex eorum propriis confessionibus . conjunctim et divisim renunciando beneficio divisionis . honorabiles viri Magister Alexander Hay rector de Turreff et Willelmus Myln commorans in Ardlethin . ad solvendum honorabili viro Willelmo Forbes de Tol-

¹ Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Aldbar.

Sasine was given accordingly on the tenth of August 1516 to Alexander Chawmer in person, by Patrick Cragmyll balliv, in presence of Master Thomas Chawmer, William Miln, and Simon Robertson, Gilbert Chawmer, clerk of the diocese of Aberdeen, notary.—(Original at Aldbar.)

² The MSSellany of the Spalding Club vol. ii., pp. 268-271.

³ Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slains.

quhon ducentas libras sub pena excommunicationis ad terminos sequentes . videlicet . viginti libras in festo Sancti Martini proximo . viginti libras ad festum Pentecostes immediate sequens . et viginti libras ad festum Sancti Martini deinde proximum . et sic terminatim in festis Sancti Martini et Pentecostes quolibet termino viginti libras usque ad completam solutionem ducentarum librarum prefatarum . Et hoc fidejussorio nomine nobilis et potentis domini Willelmi comitis de Eroll pro matrimonio contrahendo et solemnizando in facie ecclesie inter prefatum Willelmum Forbes de Tochquhone et Isobellam Hay sororem prefati Willelmi comitis secundum vim formam et effectum evidentiary confectarum inter prefatum Willelmum comitem et Willelmum Forbes de Tochquhone concernentium dictum matrimonium . apud Aberdene de data decimo octavo die mensis Julij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo secundo . Et monitus est prefatus Willelmus comes ad relevandum et indemnes servandum prefatum Magistrum Alexandrum Hay et Willelmum Miln de prefata summa in quolibet termino ut prescribitur sub simili excommunicationis pena .

Extractum de Libris Curie Consistorialis Aberdonensis ac fideliter collationatum per me notarium publicum subscriptum dicte curie scribam principalem suo cum originali concordans teste mea subscriptione manuali .

Ita est in dictis libris quod Alexander Paip notarius publicus ac scriba principalis dicte curie manu propria .

Instrumentum sasine Alexandri Gray.¹—(A.D. 1490.)

Constitutus prouidus vir Walterus Auchenewe burgensis burgi de Abirdene ac . . . indubitatus procurator honorabilis viri Johannis Andersone de Pitfour . . . quiquidem Walterus nomine procuratorio quo supra omnes et singulas terras de Hiltone de Ouchtirellone cum suis pertinentiis jacentes in comitatu Buchanie infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene in manibus honorabilis viri Henrici Annand de Ouchterellone domini superioris earundem . . . simpliciter resignavit . . . Ita quod liceat dicto domino superiori de eisdem pro sue libito voluntatis disponere . Quaquidem re-

¹ [Abridged from the Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen, vol. i. MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

signatione legitime facta ut premittitur prefatus Henricus . . . terras de Hilton de Ouchtirellone prenomintas cum suis pertinentiis prouido viro Alexandro Gray burgensi de Abirdene deliberauit una cum carta et littera sasine earundem suo vero sigillo sigillatis . [A.D. 1490.]

Instrumentum de inquisitione Alexandri Annand de Ouchterellon.¹ — (A.D. 1505.)

Curia capitalis Vicecomitis de Aberdene . ultimo die Septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentia personaliter comparuit nobilis et apparens dominus Willelmus magister de Eroll coram Alexandro Bannerman vicecomite deputato de Aberdene in pretorio burgi de Aberdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente prelocutor Alexandri Annand filii et heredis quondam Henrici Annand de Ouchterellon et presentauit unum breue inquisitionis capelle regie ad hunc diem debite proclamatum indorsatum executum et perlectum quod quondam Magister Henricus Lindesay procurator . . . nobilis ac potentis domini Johannis comitis Craufurdie domini Lindesay . . . obiecit et opposuit ac in medio produxit unam litteram recognitionis huiusmodi terrarum de Ouchterellon cum suis pertinentiis sub sigillo dicti domini Comitis cuius copiam idem Magister de Eroll prelocutorio nomine quo supra petiit quoad ut cum eadem auisari potuit . quam pro tunc minime acquisiuit . igitur protestabatur pro juris remedio tempore et loco oportunis . Super quibus idem prelocutor petiit instrumenta . Acta erant hec in dicto pretorio hora quasi undecima ante meridiem testibus Alexandro Iruyn de Drum Willelmo Frasser de Phillortht Gilberto Hay de Ardindracht militibus Johanne Rutherford milite Johanne Ketht Magistris Johanne Setone Alexandro Davison et Alexandro Ogiluy .

¹ [Abridged from the Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen, vol. II. MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the 13th January, 1505-6, Marjory Cullan, the widow of Henry Annand, was found to have right to her terce of the lands of Ochterellon, and of an annual rent of twenty merks out of Methlik. (Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem.)]

Carta Johanni comiti Craufurdie. ¹—(A.D. 1507.)

Apud Edinburghe, xxx Julij, j^m. ccccc. vij . Rex concessit Johanni comiti Craufurdie heredibus suis et assignatis terras et baroniam de Uchtiralloune Newpark de Kelle Tullibralloche et Tulynahilt infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene que dicto Johanni tanquam domino immediate tenenti earundem prius pertinebant et in manibus Regis recognite fuerunt ob alienationem majoris partis earundem sine consensu etc. . et quas Rex de novo in unam liberam baroniam de Uchtiralloune univit et incorporavit . Reddendo annuatim Regi wardam etc. cum contigerint . cum potestate infeodandi tenentes etc. . Ac eciam Rex concessit dicto Johanni etc. non-introitus dictarum terrarum .

Concessio Willelmi de Melgdrum altari Beatorum Laurentii et Niniani in ecclesia Beati Nicholai de Aberdene. ²—(A.D. 1342.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Willelmus de Melgdrum dominus de Achneeff et de Petkarry . . . salutem . Noveritis me in mea legitima potestate et corporis sanitate pro salute anime mee et Mergarete socie mee filiorum et filiarum nostrorum antecessorum et successorum nostrorum ac omnium fidelium defunctorum . dedisse . . . et . . . confirmasse Deo et Beate Marie Virgini et omnibus sanctis et altari Beatorum Laurentii martyris et Niniani confessoris in choro Beate Marie Virginis dedicato et situato in ecclesia Beati Nicholai de Abirdene . octo marcas usualis monete Sterlingorum annuatim percipiendorum ad cujuslibet anni terminos usuales ad inveniendum unum capellanum ydoneum dicto altari perpetuo servitutum . et ad inveniendum honestum luminare et omnia ornamenta dicto altari incumbentia in pane et vino et aliis . videlicet quadraginta solidos de terra del Watirtoun prope Ellon / quam Laurentius de Foty burgensis de Aberden de me hereditarie tenet . Et tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios de illo crofto quod Alexander

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 894, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Fyvie.]

filius Willelmi de me tenet in vico de Foty infra territorium croftorum
 ejusdem vici . Et viginti solidos de illis duabus perticatis terre ex
 utraque parte terre mee prope quam inhabito in occidentali parte Vici
 Furcarum collateratim jacentibus quas perticatas terre de me tenent
 hereditarie dominus Johannes de Melgdrum capellanus filius meus et
 Fergusius filius Alexandri burgensis de Aberden . Et sex solidos et
 octo denarios de illo tenemento quod Johannes filius Collini burgensis de
 Abirden de me hereditarie tenet in vico del Grene . Et viginti sex
 solidos et octo denarios Sterlingorum de terra mea de Ardechoyrk infra
 dominium de Melgdrum . Volo etiam . . . pro me et heredibus meis
 quod aldermannus . quatuor ballivi . et conservatores fabrice ecclesie
 Beati Nicholai supradicte qui pro tempore fuerint . . . possideant redditus
 predictarum octo marcarum ad inveniendum dictum capellanium
 ydoneum predicto altari perpetuo serviturum . modo et forma supradictis
 juxta ordinationem Episcopi Aberdonensis qui pro tempore fuerit / adeo
 libere . . . sicut dictas terras et redditus prenominatos de mero con-
 questu Dei et mei prius jam . . . possedi Ita quod nec ego nec heredes
 mei aut aliquis vel aliqui ex parte nostra in dictis terris vel redditibus
 aliquod jus vel clameum de cetero . . . vindicare poterint nec quoquo-
 modo a servitio predicti altaris alienare in futurum . Subjiciendo me et
 heredes meos interdictioni et cohibitioni domini Episcopi Aberdonensis
 archidiaconi . vel officialis ejusdem . ac ordinariorum suorum quorum-
 cunque . qui pro tempore fuerint quod licite possint vel unus eorum
 possit qui requisitus fuerit . sine cause cognitione . vel strepitu judi-
 ciali sententiam excommunicationis in personas nostras . . . fulminare
 quocunque et quotienscunque contigerit nos vel aliquem nostrum jus vel
 clameum in dictis terris vel redditibus . . . vindicare non obstante
 aliquo privilegio seu juris beneficio impetrato vel impetrando . Volo in-
 super . . . si aliquid dictorum reddituum a dicto altari abstrahatur vel
 detineatur quovismodo per heredes meos seu aliquos alios cujuscunque
 fuerint conditionis vel status quod licitum sit aldermanno et ballivis
 supradictis . distringere et namare omnes tenentes heredum meorum
 manentes ex quacunque parte Moncium infra villam suam predictam
 tanquam pro debito divino vel ipsorum proprio debito . secundum leges
 et consuetudines burgorum sic quod non oporteat ipsos ad hoc alicujus
 officarii Regis licentiam petere vel habere . In cujus rei testimonium

presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui . Et ad majorem evidentiam sigillum reverendi in Christo patris Domini Alexandri Dei gratia episcopi Abirdonensis una cum sigillo communi burgi de Abirden gratia munitionis huic carte scilicet apponi procuravi . hiis testibus Dominis Willelmo de Kethe milite et Mariscallo Scotie Alexandro Fraser milite vicecomite de Abirden . Thoma Mercer tunc aldermanno de Abirden . Willelmo de Leth . et Johanne Crab burgensibus ejusdem burgi et multis aliis .

Donatio Domini de Fyvie altari Beati Niniani in ecclesia Sancti Nicholai de Abirdene.¹ —(A.D. 1490.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Willelmus Meldrum dominus de Fyvie . . . salutem . Cum omnes stabimus ante tribunal Domini nostri Jhesu Cristi sive bonum sive malum fuerit recepturi prout in corpore gessimus igitur diem extremi judicii operibus misericordie expediens est prevenire ut seminata in terris multiplici fructu colligamus in celis unde noveritis me in augmentum divini cultus et honorem Dei Omnipotentis Beatissime Virginis Marie matris sue Sancti Niniani confessoris et omnium sanctorum dedisse . . . et . . . confirmasse Deo Omnipotenti gloriosissime Virgini Marie omnibus sanctis et altari Beati Niniani infra ecclesiam parochialem Sancti Nicholai de Abirdene situatam et domino Roberto Leys capellano meo perpetuo ibidem celebranti et suis successoribus celebraturis pro anima mea ac animabus parentum successorum et benefactorum meorum ac omnium fidelium defunctorum et illorum a quibus aliqua bona minus juste habui totos et integros annuos redditus meos subscriptos videlicet unum annum redditum quadraginta solidorum de

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Fyvie.]

On the tenth of October, 1593, Andrew Meldrum of Fyvie, undoubted patron of the chaplainry of St. Ninian, in the parish church of St. Nicholas of Aberdeen, with consent of Andrew Meldrum of Rothiebrisdane his second son, presented Andrew King to that chaplainry with all its rights, vacant by the death of Mr. Alexander Allardes. The witnesses are Andrew Meldrum, apparent of Jackston, Robert Meldrum of Collyhill, Patrick Meldrum his son, John Meldrum, son of the said Andrew Meldrum of Fyvie, and James Davidsone, notary public. The feu-duties belonging to this chaplainry passed, in 1596, into the hands of the Setons, when the barony of Fyvie was acquired by them from the Meldrums.—(Originals in the charter chest at Fyvie.)]

. . . terris de Wattertone de Ellone super aquam de Ythane ex boreali parte ejusdem . duas marcas de terris de Ordefork in dominio de Meldrum . tresdecim solidos et quatuor denarios de terra quondam Johannis Gregory infra burgum de Abirdene in Vico Furcarum ex occidentali parte ejusdem vici inter terram Walteri Wode ex australi ex una et terram Johannis Cullane ex boreali partibus ex altera . decem solidos de dicta terra prefati Walteri inter terram Alexandri Mathison ex australi . decem solidos de dicta terra prefati Johannis Cullane inter terram David Prat ex boreali et terram dicti Walteri Wode ex australi . et sex solidos et octo denarios de quadam terra vasta et penitus inhospitata in Vico Viridi ex boreali parte domus Fratrum Carmelitarum dicti burgi . Tenendos . . . prefato Roberto et suis successoribus capellanis perpetuis ejusdem a me et heredibus meis in pura et perpetua elymosina . Jure vero patronatus dicte capellanie totiens quotiens vacare contigerit mihi et heredibus meis masculis futuris temporibus remanente . In cujus rei testimonium presenti carte mee sigillum meum appensum est apud Abirden xvii^o die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo coram providis honorabilibus et famosis viris domino Johanne Rutherford de Tarlane milite preposito de Abirden Alexandro Menzes Roberto Blinsall Thoma Prat Alexandro Red Andrea Branch Alexandro Mar Andrea Murray Waltero Auchneywe burgensibus de Abirdene Johanne Menzes Willelmo Blinsele duobus ballivorum ejusdem ac Domino Johanne Striveling presbitro ac notario publico cum multis aliis .

Instrumentum resignationis Elizabethe Hay.¹—(A.D. 1490.)

Uniuersis pateat . . . me Elizabeth Hay sponsam Jacobi Dowglass de Pettindrech fecisse . . . cum consensu . . . dicti sponsi mei . . . dilectos meos David Dowglass meum apparentem heredem David Strathauchin Willelmum Strathauchin Thomam Woyde et Willelmum Raite . . . meos . . . indubitatos procuratores . . . ad sursum reddendum . . . unum annum redditum quatuor librarum usualis monete regni Scotie quem habeo de terris de le Wattertoune Estirellon et Creheid cum per-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.]

tinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene in manibus Dorothe Tulloch domine superioris dictarum terrarum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum unacum sigillo dicti Jacobi Dowglass sponsi mei in signum sui consensus . . . ad omnia premissa est appensum apud Elgyn vicesimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo nono .

Carta Andree Wod de Overblaretoune. ¹ (A.D. 1490.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Durothia Tollouch domina superior terrarum de le Wattirtoune Estirelleine et Creheid salutem . . . Noueritis me cum consensu . . . Walteri Wod sponsi mei dedisse . . . honorabili viro Andree Wod de Overblaretoune totum et integrum illum annum redditum quatuor librarum usualis monete regni Scotie . . . de omnibus et singulis predictis terris de le Wattirtowne Estir Ellein et Creheid cum suis pertinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . . . Tenendum . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde . . . unum denarium usualis monete regni Scotie . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee est appensum unacum sigillo dicti Walteri sponsi mei in signum sui consensus . . . Apud Elgyne ultimo die mensis Marcii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo coram hiis testibus videlicet David Strathauching Willelmo Murray Georgio Berclay David Rossy et Thoma Wod cum multis aliis .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.

The precept following upon the above is dated 1st April, and sasine was given the same year "presentibus ibidem honorabilibus et famosis viris Alexandro Tulidef de eodem Andrea Tulidef suo filio et herede apparente, Johanne Stirueling notario."—(Originals in the archives of the King's College and University.) John Wod of Bawbegno, on 17th April, 1539, conveyed this feu-duty to the principal, masters, and prebendaries of the King's College, and by the same deed assigned to them in warrandice a similar feu-duty from his lands of Uverblairtoun or Colpno (now called Orrok) in the barony of Balhelvy.—(Fasti Aberdonenses, p. 112.)]

Resignatio Donaldi Bannerman.¹—(A.D. 1503.)

Nouembris xxiii^o anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tertio . . . personaliter constitutus Donaldus Banerman de Balmacasy . . . simpliciter . . . in manibus Alexandri Bannerman de Watertoun totam dimidietatem suam occidentalem terrarum de Balmacasy cum pertinentiis jacentem in scolaria de Ellone infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . . . resignavit . Quiquidem Alexander dominus superior dictam dimidietatem terrarum Patricio Bannerman filio et heredi apparenti dicti Donaldi . . . deliberavit . reseruato tantum per omnia libero tenemento dicte dimidietatis terrarum cum pertinentiis prefato Donaldio pro toto tempore vite et rationabili tertia eiusdem Jonete Annand sponse sue cum contigerit . Super quibus dicti Patricius et Donaldus petierunt instrumenta . Acta erant hec infra burgum de Abirdene in domo Dauid Menzeis hora quasi secunda presentibus Dauid Menzeis Gilberto Menzeis Johanne Thomesone Jacobo Gourlay et domino Thoma Wrycht .

Service on Watertown etc.²—(A.D. 1684.)

January 30, 1684 . Special service of Thomas Forbes of Wattertown son of the deceased Mr. John Forbes of Wattertown as nearest heir of his grandfather Thomas Forbes of Wattertown in . . . the lands of Wattertown Easterellen and Creheid with the meal mill and mill thereof the mill lands astrict multures sucken and knaveships of said lands with . . . the houses . . . and pertinents lying in the parish of Ellon and shire of Aberdeen which lands mills . . . and others above expressed . . . are held of the noble and potent Earl [James] Earl of Dumfermling Lord of Fyvie and Vrqubart his heirs male succeeding to the Earldom of Dumfermling in fee and heritage for service of ward and relief . . .

¹ [Abridged from the Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen, vol. II., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

Assedation of Dudwick to James Innes.¹—(A.D. 1527.)

Be it kend to all men . . . me Alexander Innes of Dunbeith havand be assedatioun of . . . Gawine bischop of Abirdene . . . the pendicle of land callit Dudwik liand within the shirefdome of Abirdene to haue set . . . to ane honorable man and my weilbelouit cousing James Innes son and air apperand to Robert Innes of Rothnakenze as to my subtenent . . . the said pendicle of land callit Dudwik . . . for . . . four yeris . . . followand the feste of Witsonday last . . . and witht powar to the said James to mak cotaris and vnderseddillis under him . . . payand thairfor yeirly . . . six merkis usuale money of Scotland . . . In witnes of the quhilk thing because I had na sele of my avne present I haue procurit witht instance the sele of ane honorable man Johne Keith of Rauynniscrag for me to thir my lettres of assedatioun subscrivit witht my hand to be affixt at Edinburgh the xvj. day of August the yer of God M. v° xxvij. yeris befor thir witnessis Nycholl Chene Thomas Dalgarno Johne Frissell and Alane Bar witht utheris diuerss .

Alex^r Innes of Dunbeth witht
my hand at the pen.

Service on Birnes and Dudwick.²—(A.D. 1689.)

March 1, 1689 . Special service of John Udney alias Fowllertown second son of Robert Udney of Auchterellon as nearest heir of taillie and provision to his grandfather Collonell James Fowllertown of Dudwick in . . . the lands and barony of Birnes . . . comprehending . . . Dudwick with the manor place . . . with the Bonnysses croft and Shepherds croft and other crofts on the Backhill of Dudwick . . . Whyteburne . . . Artrach

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Innes' charter chest at Floors Castle.

The seal of the laird of Ravynniscrag remains affixed, showing a shield of four quarterings, the first and fourth charged with three pales, the second and fourth with three cross crosslets. The legend is SIGILLUM IOHANNIS KEITH.]

² [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

. . . Ardarge . . . Overtown of Birnes . . . Burnend . . . the dominical lands of Birnes with the mill . . . in the parish of Ellon and shire of Aberdeen and also in . . . the dominical lands of Pariock with the manor place . . . comprehending four ploughs of land one called the How of Skellmuir another called the Windfauld the third called the Stodfauld and the fourth called Stonkill with that croft called Vairdhead also the town and lands of Craighead . . . in the barony of Kellie and shire of Aberdeen as for the principal and in special warranty in . . . the lands and dominical lands of Techmury the lands of Marnock and Burntack . . . Which whole lands and barony of Birnes . . . are held in chief of George bishop of Aberdeen and his successors . . . in feu farm . . . for yearly payment . . . of twenty eight pounds seventeen shillings and four pence Scots . . . and by making three suits at three head courts held by the said Bishop or his successors . . . Which whole lands and dominical lands of Pariock . . . and said town and lands of Craighead . . . are held in chief of Charles Earl of Mar lord Erskin and Garioch . . . for yearly payment of the sum of Scots . . .

Service on Auchrydie.¹ —(A.D. 1677.)

January 12, 1677 . Special service of Jean Barclay daughter of William Barclay of Auchredie as nearest heiress of Patrick Barclay of Auchredie her granduncle in . . . the towns and lands of Auchrydie . . . in the parish of Ellon barony of Drumquhyndle and sheriffdom of Aberdeen . . . held in chief of the Laids of Towie . . . in free blanch farm for yearly payment of one penny . . .

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

THE PARISH OF METHLIC.¹

Carta Regis Alexandro Erskin.² —(A.D. 1489.)

Apud Linlithgow, xii. Augusti, j^m. cccc. lxxxix. Rex concessit Alexandro Erskin filio et heredi apparenti Thome domini Erskin et heredibus suis terras baronie de Balmacalye et terras de le Newtoun infra vicecomitatum de Kincardin terras baronie de Kelly cum molendino earundem et centum libras annuatim de firmis aquarum burgi de Aberdene infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene quas idem Thomas resignavit. Reservatis libero tenemento dicto Thome et rationabili tercia Jonete Dowglas sponse sue cum contigerit. Testibus Roberto episcopo Glasguensi Georgeo episcopo Dunkeldensi Colino comite de Ergile Patricio comite de Boithville domino Halys magistro hospitii Willelmo comite de Erole domino Hay constabulario regni Johanne domino Glammys Johanne domino Drummond justiciariis Alexandro Hume de eodem magno camerario Andrea domino Gray Laurentio domino Oliphant Willelmo Knollis preceptore de Tor-

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 320-329.]

In the year 1365, Walter de Mentheth, lord of Petmacaldor, with consent of John his son and heir, gave to the vicar of the parish church of St. Deuenac of Methlic "quamdam peciam terre iacentem immediate iuxta aquam de Ethoyn que vocatur le Haulch ex parte vna et descendendo a vado riulli de Melok ad vadum quod vocatur Clochy ex parte altera." (Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 112.)

In the year 1587, the church of Methlic, which had been resigned by Walter Stewart, principal of King's College, was granted to the College by the King, under the reservation of the principal's liferent of the benefice and of the annate. The benefice so conferred was declared to be free from the payment of all thirds, but the masters of the College were taken bound to provide a suitable minister for the parish out of their own number. In 1617 an Act of Parliament was passed, which declared that a regent of the College, to be elected by the Bishop, should sit and vote in the chapter of Aberdeen, and that the College should furnish a sufficient stipend to the minister serving the cure of the church. (Fasti Aberdonenses, pp. 133, 142.) The patronage of the church was sold by the college to the Earl of Aberdeen in 1764. (Evidence taken by the Commissioners on the Universities of Scotland, vol. iv., p. 201.)]

² [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xii. no. 145. MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

On the fifth day of March, 1408-9, Thomas Stratheuyne, lord of Glenkyndy, granted in lease, for nineteen years, the half lands of Aldnagtoe, in the barony of Kelly, to Sir Andrew Stewart, knight, for a sum of silver paid to the granter, and for an annual payment of eighteen pence to Sir Robert of Erskyne. (Original in the charter chest at Castle Forbes.)]

fichen Willelmo domino Sancti Johannis thesaurario Johanne priore Sancti Andree secreti sigilli custode Alexandro Inglis Magistro Ricardo Murhede decano Glasguensi Archibaldo Quhitlaw subdecano Glasguensi .

Inquisitio Alexandri Annand. ¹—(A.D. 1506.)

Inquisitio facta apud burgum de Abirdene decimo tertio die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watterton vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente . Alexander Iruyn de Drum Willelmus Fraser de Phillorth Gilbertus Hay de Ardenderaugh milites Walterus Berclay de Towy Willelmus Turing de Fouerne Willelmus Forbes de Tollis Thomas Fraser de Stanewod Alexander Johneston de eodem Andreas Tulidef de eodem Alexander Mortimer de Cragiuer Robertus Dogud de Auchnahuf Randalus Oudny filius et heres apparens Willelmi Oudny de eodem Alexander Gordone de Kennerty Johannes Ross de Auchlossin et Duncanus Strathachin de Glenkindy jurati dicunt quod quondam Henricus Annand pater Alexandri Annand latoris presencium obijt vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de vno annuo redditu viginti marcarum vsualis monete Scocie annuatim leuando de terris de Methlik cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Alexander est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Henrici patris sui de dicto annuo redditu cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod valor patet in se Et quod tenetur in capite de Patricio Gordone de Methlik in alba firma Reddendo annuatim unum denarium usualis monete Scotie et nunc existit in manibus dicti Patricii legitime per seipsum ob decessum quondam dicti Henrici per spacium quindecim dierum ante festum Pentecostes datam presentis immediate sequentis in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis .

[Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curie Vicecomitatus de Aberdeena vol. i. MS. in archivis eiusdem.]

uicium warde et releuij Et quod dicte centum libre de firmis burgi de Aberdene tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege in alba firma Reddendo inde annuatim vnum denarium argenti ad festum Pentecostes si petatur tantum Et quod omnes terre annuus redditus et centum libre de firmis dicti burgi nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis legitime per seipsum ob decessum dicti quondam Alexandri patris sui qui obiit decimo nono die Aprilis datam presencium immediate precedentis in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis .

Iidem iurati dicunt quod Elena Home relicta dicti Domini de Erakene tenetur habere rationabilem terciam omnium dictarum terrarum cum molendinis earundem cum pertinenciis cui contigit habere suam terciam ex vmbraali parte eiusdem .

Sasina data Johanni Erskin de Nesbit militi de baroniis de Kelly et Balhagarty etc.¹ —(A.D. 1513.)

Viccomes de Aberdeine respondebit pro centum et viginti libris de releuo terrarum et baronie de Kelly cum molendinis tenentibus tenandrijs et liberetenencium seruicijs earundem cum pertinencijs Et pro centum libris de releuo terrarum et baronie de Balhagarty cum molendinis tenentibus tenandrijs et liberetenencium seruicijs earundem Et pro duobus denarijs argenti per duplicacionem albe firme summe centum librarum annuatim leuande de firmis aquarum burgi de Aberdene Regi debitis per sasinam datam Johanni Erskin de Nesbit militi de eisdem primo die mensis Nouembris anno regni Regis primo .

Carta regia Jacobo Redeheuch.² —(A.D. 1509.)

Apud Edinburghe, xxi. Julij. j^m cccc. ix . Rex concessit familiari servitori suo Jacobo Redeheuch et heredibus suis quatuor mercatas terrarum de Culiny et unam mercatam terrarum de Andate infra vicecomitatum de

¹ From the General Register House.]

² From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Signi ED. xvi. no. 42. MS. Gen. Reg. House. Edin.]

Abirdene que fuerunt Alexandri Wyntoune et post apreciacionem dicto Jacobo assignate fuerunt pro summa sexaginta sex librarum duodecim solidorum et novem denariorum sibi debita per dictum Alexandrum Et voluit Rex quod dictus Alexander et heredes sui habeant regressum quandocunque persolverint prefatam summam unacum expensis etc. infra septennium . Testibus Jacobo archiepiscopo Glasguensi Willelmo episcopo Aberdonensi Andrea episcopo Cathanensi Archibaldo comite de Ergile Matheo comite de Levenax Alexandro domino Hume Gawino Dunbar Patricio Pantere Roberto Colvile de Uchiltre .

Carta de Culliny et Andate datis Collegio Beate Marie Virginis in Universitate Aberdonensi. ¹ —(A.D. 1511.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Jacobus Redheuch de Tuli-chiddill salutem in Domino sempiternam Noueritis me in laudem et honorem Dei Omnipotentis Beatissime Virginis Marie et omnium sanctorum ac in diuini cultus augmentum pro salubri statu et prosperitate illustrissimi principis Jacobi quarti Scotorum Regis et serenissime principisse Margarete Regine Scotie eius consortis eorumque animarum ac pro salute anime mee parentum et successorum meorum omniumque fidelium defunctorum et pro uno anniuersario pro me quolibet anno celebrando . . . dedisse . . . Deo Omnipotenti Beatissime Virgini Marie patrone Noui Collegii in Vniuersitate Abirdonensi et omnibus sanctis ac cancellario prebendariis et regentibus dicti Collegii totas et integras illas meas quatuor mercatas terrarum de Culliny quas Johannes Maitland nunc occupat et vnam meam mercatam terrarum de Andate quam Thomas Gray nunc occupat cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Tenendas . . . in puram et perpetuam elimosinam . . . Pro quibusquidem terris et earum firmis et proficuis per prefatos cancellarium prebendarios et regentes percipiendis ac ut sequitur distribuendis ipsi tenebuntur celebrare quolibet anno in dicto Collegio unum anniuersarium pro anima mea . . . modo sequenti videlicet post meridiem Placebo et Dirige cantando solempniter in cappis et in crastino die Missam solempnem in cappis similiter Quo anniuersario et exequiis eiusdem omnes preben-

¹ [Abridged from the original at Haddo House.]

darii et regentes predicti intererunt cum superpelliciis et habitu decenti pro choro et unusquisque eorum Missam illo die pro anima mea et animabus personarum predictarum priuatim celebrare tenebitur Pro quo anniuersario per eos ut premittitur celebrando percipient et inter eos distribuent viginti solidos vsualis monete regni Scotie de firmis terrarum predictarum Necnon disponetur et distribuetur de reliquis firmis earundem terrarum duobus pauperibus scholaribus in grammatica studentibus quousque in artibus ad magistratus gradum promoti fuerint videlicet cuilibet eorum vnum denarium in die extendendo annuatim ad tres libras et decem denarios monete predictae pro quo ipsi scolares celebrabunt annuatim omnibus Dominicis diebus in ecclesia Collegii antedicti pro anima mea et animabus ceterarum personarum predictarum psalmum De Profundis cum collecto consueto Et si firme et proficua dictarum terrarum ad maiorem summam quam ad predictas quatuor libras et decem denarios se annuatim extenderint Volo et ordino quod prefati cancellarius prebendarii et regentes disponant et distribuant dictam excrescenciam videlicet tertio pauperi scolari studenti in grammatica quousque promotus fuerit ad magisterium ut premittitur quolibet die unum denarium qui etiam dictum psalmum cum collecto in Dominicis diebus celebrabit et residuum excrescencie firmarum predictarum in alios pios usus ac opera meritoria secundum eorum discretionem et conscientias disponant et distribuant . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum proprium huic presenti carte mee est appensum unacum subscriptione mea manuali Apud Edinburgh vicesimo nono die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vndecimo coram hiis testibus Laurencio Elphinstoun Willelmo Elphinstoun Magistro Dauid Hammiltoun Thoma Blare et Jacobo Meldrum notario publico cum diuersis aliis .

James Redheuch
de Tulychiddel

Carta Malcolmo Drummonde de Megoure.¹—(A.D. 1511.)

Apud Edinburghe, xx. Novembris, j^m. ccccc. xi . Rex concessit Malcolmo Drummonde de Megoure et heredibus suis quinque mercatas de le Schad-

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xvii., no. 78, M.S. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

dow half terrarum de Andate infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene que fuerunt Alexandri Wintoune de Andate et post apreciacionem dicto Malcolmo assignate fuerunt pro summa centum mercarum sibi debita per dictum Alexandrum . Et voluit Rex quod dictus Alexander et heredes sui habeant regressum quandocunque persolverint prefatum summam necnon expensas etc. infra septennium .

THE PARISH OF TARVES.¹

Sancti Englacii abbatis patroni apud Terues in diocesi Aberdonensi.²

Oracio . Fac nos quesumus Domine intercessione Beati Englacii abbatis tui pre multitudine amoris tui a concupiscencia huius mundi eripi vt nec blandis corrumpamur nec aduersis concuciamur . Per Dominum .

Ad Matutinas nouem lectiones fiant . omnia de communi vnus Confessoris et Abbatis .

Decretum Henrici episcopi Aberdonensis super octo marcis de vicaria de Taruays.³ —(A.D. 1322.)

Memorandum quod cum nos Henricus miseracione diuina Abirdonensis ecclesie episcopus manuceperamus pro bono pacis declaracionem et decisionem controuersie dudum mote inter religiosum virum dominum Bernardum Dei gratia abbatem de Abirbroth nomine suo et Monasterii sui ex parte una et dominum Galfridum de Wellys vicarium de Taruays ex altera super quodam annuo redditu siue pensione octo marcarum dicto Monasterio racione vicarie predictae singulis annis soluendarum . Nos ad pleniorum informacionem et faciliorem exitum in dicta controuersia habendum fieri fecimus inquisitionem super vero valore eiusdem vicarie a tem-

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 329-356.]

² [From the Breuiarium Aberdonense, prop. Sanctorum pro tempore estiuall, fol. cxlvi.]

³ [From the Registrum Vetus Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 202.]

pore ingressus eiusdem vicarii diligentem et fidelem . Qua inspecta et plenarie intellecta de consensu utriusque partis ut in futurum cesset omnis controuersia inter ipsos decernimus et sententialiter condempnamus predictum vicarium fore obligatum predicto domino Abbati et Monasterio suo ex nunc in predictis octo marcis singulis annis suis terminis persoluendis, iuxta ordinacionem iudicum delegatorum a sede apostolica deputatorum prout in ordinacione et taxacione eorundem per bullam domini Pape bullatam plenius continetur . In cuius rei testimonium presens decretum nostrum sigilli nostri munimine fecimus roborari . Actum et datum apud Rane die Veneris infra octo Assumpcionis Beate Marie Virginis . Anno gracie m^o ccc^o vicesimo secundo .

Tarvas presentatur magister Johannes Lumsden. ¹ —(A.D. 1493.)

Reuerendo . . . domino Willelmo . . . episcopo Aberdonensi aut suis vicariis generalibus . . . Daud . . . abbas . . . de Aberbrothoc . . . reuerencias . . . ad perpetuam vicariam ecclesie parrochialis de Tervas . . . vacantem per decessum domini Alexandri Abircrummy . . . Magistrum Johannem Lumsden presbyterum Sanctiandree diocesis vestre . . . paternitati . . . presentamus . . . Apud Aberbrothoc septimo die mensis Decembris anno Domini m^o cccc^o nonagesimo tercio .

¹ [From the Registrum Recentius Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 284.

In the year 1496, Mr. Edward Cwynghame, priest, rector of Cusny, was presented to the church of Tarves, vacant by the death of Sir Alexander Abircrummy, or of Sir Thomas Myrtone. (Id., p. 298.) In the year 1501, Sir Archibald Balcolmy was presented to the church of Tarves. (Id., p. 334.) Mr. Alexander Dunbar, in January 1525, received a presentation to the church of Tarves, when it should be resigned by Sir Thomas Myrtone, for the purpose of exchanging it with the provostship or vicarage of the collegiate church of Craylle. (Id., p. 442.) In the following month, Mr. John Reid, vicar of Mernys, in the diocese of Glasgow, was nominated successor to Mr. Alexander Dunbar. (Id., p. 444.) In 1534, Sir William Sympill, chaplain of the diocese of Glasgow, was nominated successor to John Reid in the church of Tarves, when it should be resigned by him either simply or for the sake of exchange with the chancellorship of the cathedral of Aberdeen. (Id., p. 517.) In the same year, and six months afterwards, Mr. Henry Lumsden was nominated successor to Sir William Sympill. (Id., p. 519.)]

Infrascripte terre ecclesiastice de Tarwas assedantur Dompno Alexandro Mason in fauorem resignationis.¹—(A.D. 1508.)

Uniuersis . . . Georgius . . . abbas de Abirbrothoc . . . salutem . . . nos . . . didicimus quod . . . Alexander Mason monachus dicti monasterii magno senio confectus est et quotidianis laboribus et doloribus illius etatis subiacet . . . Sane nos propterea . . . ut dictus Alexander quicquid vineat et deuocius Domino famuletur et ut ipse et serui sui necessarii sustententur attentis eius benemeritis nobis et monasterio predicto multipliciter impensis eidem Alexandro quoad uixerit . . . terras ecclesie de Tarwes subsequentes . videlicet Braklaw cum decimis garbalibus eiusdem . Cragi . Carinbrogi cum decimis . Smydehil cum decimis . Carinfeichall cum decimis . the myln of Carinfychal cum decimis . Cole cum decimis . Auchlek cum decimis . Tu[li]helt et Patrochie ac decimas de [Ar]dlogy ville ecclesie de Fyve . Monkishil . Rothe Normon . . . concessimus . . . Datum . . . secundo die mensis Octobris anno Domini m^o quingentesimo octauo .

Querela Domini Malcolmi abbatis de Aberbrothoc in Parlamento ac in Consilio Cleri tento apud Perth aduersus Dominum de Meldrum penes terras vocatas Cautey in baronia de Tarwas iacentes per Dominos de Meldrum a Monasterio iniuste ablatas et sibi damnabiliter appropriatas.²—(A.D. 1459.)

Nobille and prepotent lordis and honorable and virschypful schyris . we Malcom abbot of Arbroth and conuent of the samen religios men infette in donatioun of landis and kyrkys with outhiris possessionis gyfyn

¹ [From the Registrum Recentius Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 373.]

In the year 1527, the half of the lands of the Kyrkton of Taruas, with the Aylhous, etc., and the office of the Deray within the parish were leased for nineteen years to William Gray, Mariot Dunbrek his spouse, and John Gray their son, they being bound for the lands to pay the usual rent, and for the office to keep the oxen, cows, and all things assigned to their care by the chamberlains and officers of the Abbot in the north, and to redeliver them to the servants of the Abbot in the town of Glenfarquhar when required, on their own charges. (Id., p. 474.)

² [From the Registrum Recentius Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 105.]

to the sayd abbay in almus be nobyll and deuote prynces King Willyem our fundator his successoris and sic lyk be honorabile lordis and baronis of gud mynd . quhilkis lands and possessionis mortificat to the said place be the forsad fundatoris lordis and baronis ar confeirmyt be diuers haly faderis Papis of Rome and be byschopys of diuers dioces . quhilkis confirmationis contenis in thaim gret terrible and dreidfull santens of excommunicatioun apone all thaim quhatsumewyr thai be that brekkys the said mortificatioun of the said possessionis and that vrangwaysle away takkys and appropreys or analeys of the said abbais landis or possessionis be the forsad donatoris gyfyne to God Almychty Our Lady and tyll Sanct Thomas patrone of the said place . quhilkis landis and possessionis has beyn brukyt in pace and tranquillite be the said place and our predecessoris beyownd al memor of man quhill now in thir dais part of ewyl myndit personis wythout the dredor of God or rememmorans of the dampnatioun of thar sawlys wrangis and tribulis ws and our pwr tenentis in peciable possessioun of part of our landis in owr baronye of Terwas . And in speciale we meyn ws lamentabile ontyll your nobile lordschypis quhow we ar greitly hurt in our possessionis and propyr landis of the townys of Arquhorty and Cragy pertenyng to ws bath in propirte and in commoun and principale betuix the said twa townys and the town of Kylbleyn the quhilk land in ane part is callyt on the new Caute quhilk nayme it gat as we weyll know in defraude of ws and of our pwr men tenentis of the said two townis . quhilk ma be weyll consideryt be this resoun . Lang tyme afor was discord and debait betuix owr barony of Tarwas and the barony of Fyndyhark quhilk is now callit Meldrum . thar outuarat bordoyris with the landis of Kylbleyn and Ordonedrane as for that syd ves decidit and accordit betuix our predecessoris that clamyt the said landis of Kylbleyn and Ordonaydrane as lauchfull possessoris of the samen landis : quhilk landis of Kylbleyn the Abbot and Conuent for the tyme gaif owr thar claem to the lard that than was callyt Philip of Findark for his seruice quhilk he promittit for hym and his that we sould onuexit be in the lawe of the landis and to be gud nychtbour to ws and tyl our men in tyme to cum for ewyr . Alsua honorabile lordis eftyr the decisioun of the debatis betuix thir twa baronys on ylk syd it stude in greit tranquillite and paes and rest quhen Kynbleyn was gyfyn owr be ws to the said Lard of Meldrum veill to the space of ii^e yeiris and mair quhill

now in thir dais in memor of man com thar ane officeman quhilk wes ane commoun smyth and seruand bath to the baronye of Taruas and Meldrum . quhilk commoun smyth duelt sumtyme in owr land of Carnbrogy and had his officehows in that land callit Cautey quhilk smyth had nocht thar ane yard nor croft bot that smyde . the said smyde was bygyt be that smyth in the tyme of Vilyam of Meldrum than lard of the sam . And becaus that tyme in thai tua baronys vas few men of reputatioun bot the said Lard of Meldrum the said smyth callyt hym his man for to manteyn hym in seruice and office of the cwntray that otheris suld nocht vrang hym . And nothir gaif the lard to the said smyth land nor crofte bot callit hym his man alanerly for quhy he had nane land in tha partis to gyf hym of resoun becaus it was decidit of befor as said is . And now sensyne in contemptioun of God and haly kyrk in greit daynger of thar saulis and in hurt and preiudice of the place of Arbroth and ws the Lardis of Meldrum has gart eyre and saw owr said landis of Cauty by all resoun or apperans of ony clame titule or rycht thartyll . Alsua ane othyr resoun . Yowr lordschypis sal onderstand had owr land now callit Caute beyn the Lard of Meldrumis he had gyfyn it tyll his secund bruthir quhen he gaif the landis of Kenbleyn . bot his consciens arguit hym the contrare becaus it vas nocht his land be nane apperans be this resoun . our marchis that was than betuix the tua bwrnis held the burne wpe to the woud of Kyngude as of the wast part and than was wythin ws and owr baronry Ordyndrane and Kilbleyn the quhilkis we gaif owr at the compositioun for his gud seruice and gud nychtbourschype as said is quhylk landis he gaif to his secund bruthir as is forsaid . And frathynfurth eftyr that compositioun was decidit betwix ws and Kylbleyn be thyr marchis . that is to say . begynnand at the burne that gays fra Auchquhorty quhair that the strype fallis in the said burne and swa ascendand wp betuix the landis of Kylbleyn and the moss betuix the hard and the naysch and ewyn sowth owr to the burn of owr landis of Carnbrogy . Alsua pleis it your lordschypis to be rememorat the vrangus occupatioun of owr said landis of Caute was mowyt and begwn on this vay . For seruice of owr landis and aisiament of the said smyth owr predecessoris owrlukyt and tholyt the smyth tyll byg ane smyde in the moss becaus of his colys and fuell that was necessar to his office to be woung in tyme of yeir . the said smyth vas callit Ade of Caute and in skorne with the nycht-

bowris was callit Lard of Caute in derisioun becaus he sett in the myddys of ane cauld moss and throw that skorne the land was callit Caulty . And becaus he was callit swa Lard of Cauty quhoubeit it was bot for derisioun owr predecessoris thynkand it onkyndle tyll thole ane nominatioun of lardschipe of sic ane man in the said Caute without rycht or resoun thai remowit and pwt the said smyth fra the said place for dreid that percais the smyth or ony of his suld eftyr be process of tyme pretend ony clame of rycht tyll the said landis . than this smyth passit to the Lard of Meldrum tyl haue his assistens and tyl be in contrary owr predecessoris wyllis haldyn in possessioun of the said officehows . and swa it was . for the said lard tuk the said Ade in manteinyn and the land be the tope and gart eyr and saw the said land and appropry it tyl hyme . than we menynt ws of that vrang to owr bailye for the tyme callyt Philip of Dunbrek . quhilk baillye passit to the said land and straik the [low]mys in twa and hewyt the plwche . than eftyr that the land lay lang onoccupyt . quhilk interruptioun maid be the said bailye is weill knawyn tyl diuers of yowr lordschypis and als tyll mony of the eldayst mene in the cuntrey Eftyr the deceiss of this Lard of Meldrum succedit tyll hyme ane othir lard and largely begwd quhar his predecessor leftte eryt and laborit the said land . and maid habitatioun tharon becaus thar was nane to argwn nor tyll mak resistans tharin . for Deyn Valter Panter that tym was ane auld man and resignyt the abbacy tyll ane Deyn Richart Guthre quhilk was nocht actiue nor gaif intendens for remeid of sic vrangis dwne to the haly place and swa the place and we sustenis thir vrangys in thir said landis and sic lyk in mony owthyr placys schath and hurt we haif and dredys tyll susteyn mar dampnache eftyrwart bot gyf yowr lordschypis put remeid heirintyll . Herfor we Deyn Malcom abbot of the said abbay and Conuent of the samen beseikys and prays yowr nobyllle lordschypis for the luf of God tyl intend auisytyl tyll our said complaynt and to consider diligentle the skathys costys and gret vexationis we and the said place sustenis in the persut of diuers vrangis dwne to ws and the said place in diuers partis within the rewm and maist special in the forsaid landis callit Caulte quhilkis our predecessoris has wsyt and brukyt peceabile ii. hundreth yeirys befor thir days has our propyr pastur to the said tua townis .

Supradicta querimonia habetur in quodam veteri registro papireo .

Contractus de terris de Tochone.¹ —(A.D. 1487.)

In Dei nomine Amen per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo septimo mensis vero Maii die xxv^{to}. . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentia personaliter plenarie ac integre appunctuatum est inter Margaretam Forbes nomine et ex parte Malcomi Forbes heredis apparentis quondam Alexandri Forbes de Tochcone et Alexandrum Tullache partibus ex altera in . . . forma et effectum sequentibus videlicet quod idem Alexander . . . assignauit dicto Malcomi wardam et releuium omnium terrarum de Tochcone cum pertinentiis iacentium infra vicecomitatum de Abirden cum uniuersis iuribus earundem pro toto tempore sibi contingentium Soluendo inde dicti Malcolmus et Margareta prefato Alexandro octuaginta et duodecim marcas usualis monete Scotie in festo Sancti Seruani post datam presentis instrumenti proxime futuro ipsoque Alexandro Tullache gaudente firmis uniuersis omnium dictarum terrarum cum pertinentiis pro proximo termino Pentecostis futuro per xlviii. marcas et plenariam solutionem centum et quadraginta marcarum eidem Alexandro promissarum per premissa Ac pro pace et quiete habendis quod dictus Alexander noluit ut asseruit propria bona distribuere pro sui capitis fructatione Insuper prefatus Alexander Tullach pacifice ac libere gaudebit castro de Tochcone cum uniuersis et singulis husbandorum et aliorum bondagiis cariagiis et aueragiis ac quibuscunque aliis seruitiis de jure aut consuetudine eisdem spectantibus sine quocunque impedimento semper quousque messis sua infra dominium de Tochcone fuerit messa et finaliter conducta et donec premissa fideliter fuerint perimpta . . . dicti Malcolmus et Margareta non intromittent se cum dictis terris et castro nec aliquibus eisdem contingentibus Insuper pre-

¹ [Abridged from the Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem]

On the third day of October, 1503, Margaret Forbes, widow of the deceased Malcom Forbes of Tochoun, was found by an Inquest to have right to the terce of the mains of Tulquhome, the lands of Mekill Ethtsy, Little Ethsy, and the mill, the lands of Spinhilhunt, Balgove, and Da[l]jorky, the Klrktoun of Fouchile Fortre, mill of Fouchile, Invuynv, Blairfoull, the Park of Fivv, the mill of Abdedaine, the blench farm land in Fivv and Crannacht, with their pertinents. (Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.)]

missis . . . perpetratis prefatus Alexander dabit et deliberabit dicto Malcomo . . . euidencias decreta litteras quascunque huiusmodi terras et wardam releuium et maritagium earundem continentes . . . Necnon penes castrum de Tochon et siluam eiusdem dicte partes elegerunt honorabiles viros Willelmum Hay de Ardendracht Archebaldum Rate de Drumtocty Patricium Berclay de Garntuly Georgium Lesly ac Patricium Rede de Coliston ad . . . determinandum huiusmodi . . . controuersias decreto eorundem se subjicientes . . . Alexander Tullache vicibus repetitis premissa perimplere ad complementum . . . suprascriptorum fideliter perimplendorum utraque pars alteri fideliter obligatur fide media Super quibus . . . dicta Margareta a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit publicum instrumentum . . . Acta erant hec infra burgum de Abirden hora quasi x^a ante meridiem vel eocirca sub anno die mense . . . quibus supra presentibus ibidem prouidis et honestis viris Roberto Blinsell Willelmo Blinsell Jacobo Trauert Philipppo de Dumbrek burgensibus dicti burgi Domino Johanne Leth capellano et Alexandro Forbes testibus . . .

Inquisitio Johannis Forbes.¹ —(A.D. 1505.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene vltimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Wattertoune vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in curia capitali in pretorio eiusdem sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Iruyn de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillorth milites Willelmum Gordone de Scheues Walterum Berclay de Towy Jacobum Chene de Strathloche Willelmum Leslie de Balquhane Willelmum Crafurde de Federay Alexandrum Skene de eodem Alexandrum Caldour de Sonnarherde Willelmum Johnestone filium et heredem apparentem Alexandri Johnestone de eodem Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Johannem Mowat de Loscragy Robertum Dogude de Auchnahuf Walterum Dempstar de Ouchterless Henricum Forbes de Kynneller Willelmum Blakhale de Bourty Johannem Gardin de Latheris Thomam Burnat de Gask Willelmum Turing de Foverne Andream Tulidef de eodem Alexandrum Wyntone de Andat

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

Georgium Leslie de eodem et Johannem Dunbrek de eodem Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Elizibeth Gareache auia Johannis Forbes latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasita ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de duabus Tuligovvens cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Johannes est legitimus et propinquior heres dicte quondam Elizibeth auie sue de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum viginti marcas Et valuerunt duodecim marcas tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis tenentur in capite de suppremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium warde et releuij debitum et consuetum Et nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per spacium quinque decim annorum per decessum dicte quondam Elizibeth auie sue racione warde .

Inquisitio Willelmi Forbes. ¹ —(A.D. 1510.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene octauo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo nono coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Georgium Meldrum de Fyvy Johannem Forbes de Petsalego Walterum Berclay de Towy Johannem Mowat de Loscragy Willelmum Turing de Foverne Thomam Fraser de Stanyvod Alexandrum Cumming de Cultir Willelmum Jhonestone de eodem Alexandrum Gordone de Kennerty Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyuer Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Johannem Pantone de Petmethane Willelmum Blakhale de eodem Patricium Steuart de Latheris et Johannem Gardin de Latheris Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Malcomus Forbes de Tochone pater Willelmi Forbes latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Tochone cum suis pertinenciis et molendinis earundem jacentibus in baronia de Formertin infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Willelmus est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Malcomi patris sui [de] dictis

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

terris et molendinis cum suis pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre valent nunc per annum centum libras Et valuerunt quadraginta libras tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de supremo domino [nostro] Rege per seruicium warde et releuij Et nunc existant in manibus domini nostri Regis legitime per seipsum per decessum dicti quondam Malcomi patris sui per spacium sex annorum et octo mensium aut eocirca racione warde .

Carta de Mynnenny.¹—(A.D. 1527.)

Omnibus . . . Vilhelmus Forbes de Toquhone salutem . . . Noueritis me dedisse . . . Johannj Forbes filio meo et Jonete Chein sue sponse . . . totas et integras terras meas de Mynnenny / cum pertinenciis in baronia mea de Formartyne infra vicecomitatum de Abirden Tenendas . . . de me heredibus meis . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum est appensum apud Essilmont vnacum subscriptione nostra manuali sexto die mensis Junij anno Dominj millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo septimo coram hiis testibus venerabilibus et egregiis viris Magistris Alexandro Haye rectore de Turref canonico et commissario generali Aberdonensi Jacobo Wawane rectore de Owyne canonico Abirdonense honorabilibus viris Alexandro Annand de Owchirellonne Magistro Alexandro Chein de Arnage Gilberto Graye de Schewess Alexandro Forbes in Ithse cum diuersis aliis .

Ita est W Forbes of Tolquhone manu propria .

Service on Tolquhon²—(A D. 1705.)

October 19, 1705 . Special service of Mr. William Forbes as nearest heir of his father Mr. Thomas Forbes of Tolquhon in . . . the lands and barony of Tolquhon comprehending . . . the dominical lands manor

¹ [From the original in the charter chest at Whitehaugh.

On the back of the parchment is written, "in a hand apparently of the sixteenth century : "This Cheyne wes daughter to Schyr Patrik Cheyne of Essilmonthe / they had no bairnes so the land fell to Alexander Forbes the second brother."]

² [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

place tower fort of Tolquhon mill thereof mill lands . . . Killnarayes the north and south New Seats of Tolquhon Boguehouses Brae of Tolquhon . . . Little and Meikle Ythsies mill and mill lands thereof . . . lying in the barony of Tarves and shire of Aberdeen And likewise in . . . the towns and lands of Crannie and Cranniebogue . . . Burnes mill and mill lands thereof . . . with the glebe of Cowhill . . . with the towns and lands of Blairfoull and Black Storks Wood of Blairfoull . . . Minnine with dye and meal mills thereof . . . lying in the parish of Fyvie and shire of Aberdeen . . . And also in . . . the towns and lands of Dalforks Rossalla Herriefoord Coutchercairn and Fleboats old and new towns the old and new towns of Ballgoves Barnhill Chappell Kirktonnes old mill of Balgoves . . . Firrhill mill thereof . . . Moss-side Gettside Lavorick Lairs and Wedder Lairs all lying in the parish of Tarves and shire of Aberdeen . . . Also in . . . the towns dominical lands and manor place of Thaynston mill and mill lands thereof and the Haugh on the north part of the water of Don belonging to the same . . . Cammiestain Fullertoun Jerusalem of Thainstoun Raebaitts Tavoltie with the passage boat of Thainstoun on said water of Don along with the salmon fishing on said water of Don in that part thereof called Buckie and Stuarts Spots and all the privileges belonging thereto lying in the parish of Kinkell and shire of Aberdeen . . . all united . . . into one . . . free barony to be called the barony of Tolquhon and all contained in charter under the great seal by Charles II. to the . . . late Sir Alexander Forbes of Tolquhon in liferent and the said late Mr. Thomas Forbes his brother in fee and the heirs male of his body whom failing to the fore-said late Sir Alexander Forbes his heirs male and assignees dated 24th February 1665 . . . Which foresaid lands and barony of Tolquhon . . . are held of the Queen and her successors in fee heritage and barony perpetually for yearly payment . . . for . . . Tolquhon . . . of the rights and services . . . used and wont And for . . . Thainstoun and others . . . one penny Scots . . . And for . . . Tavoltie and pertinents . . . ten merks Scots . . .

Carta regia Georgeo domino Gordoune.¹—(A.D. 1467.)

Apud Perth, xviii. Junij, j^m. cccc. lxvii. . Rex concessit Georgeo domino Gordoune heredibus suis et assignatis terras de Scheves infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene terras de Naterdule Pettinbrinzeane et Drumna-kethe infra vicecomitatum de Banf quas Elizabeth Matland et Joneta Matland filie et heredes quondam Patricii Matlande militis apud Fauc-land resignaverunt .

Confirmatio Willelmo Gordoune.²—(A.D. 1490.)

Apud Edinburghe, i. Novembris, j^m. cccc. lxxxx. . Rex confirmavit car-tam Georgii comitis de Huntlie et domini de Badienache [in qua conces-sit filio suo carnali Willelmo Gordoune terras et baroniam de Scheues infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas Adam Gordoune filius eciam car-nalis dicti Comitis (in excambium quarundam terrarum baronie de Oboyne infra vicecomitatum predictum pro dictis terris baronie de Scheues) in manus dicti Comitis personaliter resignavit . Tenendas dicto Willelmo et heredibus suis masculis de corpore suo legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus dicto Comiti heredibusque suis . Faciendo supremo domino Regi forinsecum servitium quantum de dictis terris pertinet et dicto Comiti tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia de Huntlie necnon debita et consueta servicia . Testibus Alexandro domino Gordoune David Ogilvy de Tol-mad Patricio Grantuly rectore de Glasse Johanne Andree vicario de Bo-tary Andrea Frasare et Andrea Nesbit . Apud Huntlie, ij. Octobris . j^m. cccc. lxxxx.]

Carta Willelmo Gordoune.³—(A.D. 1498.)

Apud Lochkilkerane, xvi. Maii, j^m. cccc. lxxxxviii. . Rex concessit fami-liari armigero suo Willelmo Gordoune et heredibus suis masculis de cor-

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. vii., no. 124, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Ibidem, lib. xii., no. 238.]

³ [Ibidem, lib. xiii., no. 842.]

pore suo legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus Jacobo Gordoune fratri dicti Willelmi et heredibus etc. quibus deficientibus Georgio comiti de Huntlie patri dicti Willelmi ac propinquioribus heredibus suis quibuscunque terras et baroniam de Scheves cum superioritate tenentibus tenandriis etc. earundem infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas idem Comes resignavit . Testibus Willelmo episcopo Abirdonensi Georgio comite de Huntlie domino Badenache Archibaldo comite de Ergile Patricio comite de Boithvile Alexandro domino Hume Johanne domino Drummond Roberto Lundy de Balgony milite thesaurario Magistris Ricardo Murehede et Waltero Drummond .

Protestatio de piscariis de Ythane. ¹ —(A.D. 1510.)

In Dei nomine amen . per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo decimo mensis vero Aprilis die ix^o . . . In presentia nobilis magnifici ac potentis domini Willelmi comitis de Eroll domini Hay ac Constabilarii Scotie et Alexandri Bannerman de Wattertone vicecomitis deputati de Aberdene in pretorio eiusdem in curia capitali pro tribunali sedentium meique notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum personaliter constitutus nobilis vir Willelmus Gordone de Scheues tempore lecture brevis et petitionis nobilis viri Alexandri Ogiluy de Finlater de et super piscariis aque de Ythane . Attamen asseruit quondam bone memorie nobilem ac prepotentem dominum Georgium comitem de Huntlie dominum Gordoun et Badenaghe patrem suum ac Patricium Matland militem ac ipsum piscarias suas dicte aque correspondentes terris suis eidem adiacentibus recuperasse et hucusque occupare pacifice sine quocunque impedimento Igitur dictus Willelmus solempniter protestabatur quod quicquid . . . actum . . . fuerit in desserutione dicti brevis non cederet sibi in preiudicium in posterum ac pro juris remedio tempore et loco oportunis Super quibus . . . dictus Willelmus a me notario publico sibi fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum Acta erant hec infra dictum pretorium hora quasi xi^o ante meridiem . . . presentibus ibidem nobilibus et potentibus dominis ac viris Johanne domino Forbes Arthuro

¹ [Abridged from the Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen, vol. III., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

domino Saltone Georgio Meldrum de Fyve Alexandro Iruyn de Drum Willelmo Frasser de Phillortht Gilberto Hay de Ardendracht militibus Patricio Berclay de Grantuly Waltero Berclay de Towy Magistro Johanne Dauison Dominis Thoma Wallace et David Liell capellanis .

Resignatio terrarum dimidietatis de Chapeltone de Scheues.¹ —(A.D. 1512.)

In Dei nomine Amen . per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo xi^o mensis vero Marcii die vicesimo quarto . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Johannes Gordone de Lumger . . . totas et integras terras suas dimidietatis de Chapeltone de Scheues cum suis pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene in manibus honorabilis viri Patricii Gordone de Methlik domini superioris earundem . . . simpliciter resignavit . . . imperpetuum ita ut liceat dicto Patricio domino superiori earundem de eisdem pro sue libito voluntatis disponere aut in manibus suis propriis retinere imperpetuum pro summa pecunie sibi debita et gratanter persoluta per ipsum Johannem Gordone Super quibus . . . dictus Patricius a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum Acta erant hec in camera mea hora quasi tertia prius merediem . . . presentibus ibidem venerabili et fidedignis viris Magistro Alexandro Gordoun precentore Moraviensi Johanne Murray juniore burgensi de Abirdene Magistro Alexandro Porter notario publico Johanne Pyle Johanne Gordon filio Jacobi Gordon de Carnborrow et Thoma Makysone cum Johanne Gordon testibus . . .

Confirmatio Alexandro Gray.² —(A.D. 1512.)

Apud Edinburghe, vi. Decembria, j^{ma} cccc. xii. . Rex confirmavit car-

¹ [Abridged from the Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen, vol. iii., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xviii., no. 114, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.] In the year 1574, John Collinson, burgess of Aberdeen, was served nearest heir to his father,

tam Willelmi Gordounne de Scheveze [in qua vendidit et alienavit Alexandro Gray burgensi de Abirdene heredibus suis et assignatis terras de Newtounne de Scheveze in baronia de Scheveze infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . pro quadam certa summa pecunie persoluta . Tenendas a dicto Willelmo de Rege . Testibus Gilberto Menzeis preposito de Abirdene Johanne Leslie de Warderis Jacobo Chene de Straloch Johanne Ogilvy rectore de Dingwale Willelmo Dumbrek Willelmo Cheishome burgensi de Abirdene David Lyell et Johanne Striveling capellanis ac notariis publicis . Apud Abirdene, xxvij. Novembris, j^m. ccccc. xij.]

Papalis confirmatio Georgio Gordoun. ¹—(A.D. 1550.)

Raynautius miseratione diuina ecclesie Sancti Angeli presbiter cardinalis discretis viris Decano et Jacobo Strathauchin ac Alexandro Spittall canonicis ecclesie Abirdonensis salutem in Domino . . . Exhibita siquidem nobis nuper pro parte nobilis adolescentis Georgii Gordoun filii legitimi et secundo geniti nobilis viri Georgii comitis de Huntlye cancellarii regni Scotie petitio continebat Quod alias Jacobus Betoun abbas seu commendatarius monasterii Sancti Thome martyris de Abirbrothoc nuncupati . . . de expresso consensu conuentus eiusdem Monasterii . . . pro augmento rentalis . . . dicti Monasterii ad summam octo librarum undecim solidorum et undecim denariorum . . . monete . . . dicti regni

John Collinson of Neather Skellmuir, in two ploughs of Newton of Shives and two ploughs of Little Ardo, with the pertinents, and in warandice of these lands, in the barony of Midmar, comprehending the dominical lands commonly called the Maynes of Balblair, Midmar, Corsfield, Tullocha, Bethelmie, Sunehoney, Kinarny, mill and mill lands of the same, Bandtuch, Easter Mures, Wester Mures, Tulliedaff, with the pertinents, lying within the parishes of Midmar and Kinarny respectively.—(Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.)

In the year 1681, Andrew Gray was served nearest heir of his father, James Gray of Schives, in the dominical lands commonly called the Mains of Schives, the towns and lands of Calcanka, Oldtown, Leyes, Newseat, the old mill of Shives, the new mill of Schives, the mill lands of the same, with the manor place and pertinents, lying in the barony of Gight, parish of Tarves, and shire of Aberdeen; which lands and others were previously held of the late Sir George Gordon of Gight for yearly payment of one penny Scots, and were afterwards held of him, George Gordon, junior, of Gight, or Sir Charles Maitland of Pittrichie, or any of them, in the same manner.—(Id.)]

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Gordon Castle]

plusquam unquam pro terris molendinis et aliis bonis infrascriptis prius dicto Jacobo aut predecessoribus suis . . . et conuentui eiusdem . . . persolutum extiterit necnon pro decore reipublice dicti regni et pro magnis diuersis gratitudinibus . . . per patrem et filium predictos . . . Commendatario et conuentui prefatis quo facilius possessionem fructuum dicti Monasterii apprehendere . . . possent . . . impensis . . . necnon pro dicti Monasterii et libertatis ecclesiastice . . . defensione . . . terras de Coulle Carmefechill Pettrechy molendinum de Fechill Braky Breklaw terras ecclesiasticas de Terves Tullicartin Tullyhilt molendinum de Tullyhilt Auchquhorthy Auchinlek Bogfechill Auchinhuff Munkishill terras ecclesiasticas de Five molendinum de Five brasinam de Five Ardlogy cum . . . pertinentiis in dominiis et baroniis de Terves et Five infra regalitatem de Abirbrothok et vicecomitatum de Aberdene et forsan alias . . . ad dictum Monasterium legitime pertinentia dicto Georgio adolescenti et heredibus suis masculis quibuscunque de Jacobo et successoribus suis Abbatibus seu Commendatariis ac conuentu Monasterii huiusmodi in feudifirma . . . ac hereditate in perpetuum . . . tenenda sub annuo . . . censu centum triginta trium librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum dicte monete viginti libras sterlingorum constituentium Jacobo et successoribus suis . . . solvendo . . . Datum Rome apud Sanctum Petrum sub sigillo officii primarie viii. Idus Martii pontificatus Domini Iulii Pape III. anno primo .

Instrumentum sasine Alexandri Fraser de Phillortht.¹—(A.D. 1560.)

In Dei nomine . Amen . . . Sit notum quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo mensis vero Maii die vero sexto . . . personaliter accessit discretus vir Johannes Telzifeir balliuis in hac parte honorabilis viri Gilberti Menzeis de Cowlie ad fundum terrarum de Cowlie jacentium in baronia de Terwes infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . . . ad instantiam . . . Villelmi Youngsoun procuratoris honorabilis etiam viri Alexandri Fraser de Phillortht . . . et ibidem quandam cartam preceptum sasine in se complectentem per dictum Gilbertum Menzeis

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Pitfoddels' charter chest.]

predicto Alexandro Fraser heredibus suis et assignatis de . . . uno annuo redditu viginti quatuor mercarum usualis monete regni Scotie annuatim leuando . . . de totis et integris terris de Cowlie cum suis . . . pertinentiis dicti Gilberti proprii sigilli appensione manualique subscriptione eiusdem confectam dicto baliuo . . . presentauit . . . Post cuiusquidem precepti . . . perlecturam et eiusdem in lingua vulgare nostra interpretationem . . . dictus Johannes Talzefer balliuus . . . sasinam hereditariam dicti annui redditus . . . prefato Vilelmo Youngsoun procuratori . . . dicti Alexandri Fraser de Phillortht . . . dedit . . . Super quibus . . . prefatus Vilelmus Youngsoun procurator . . . a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit instrumentum . . . Acta erant hec apud Cowlie hora tertia pomeridiana aut eocirca . . . presentibus Roberto Patersoun Vilelmo Archibauld seniore et Vilelmo Archibauld juniore testibus . . .

Et ego David Brody artium professor Abirdonensis diocesis
. . . notarius publicus . . .

Sasina Alexandri Setoun de Meldrum.¹—(A.D. 1579.)

In Dei nomine Amen . per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo septuagesimo nono mensis vero Martii die vigesimo quinto . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Alexander Setoun de Meldrum habens et tenens in manibus suis quoddam preceptum saisine . . . cuiusquidem . . . tenor sequitur . . . Joannes permissione diuina commendatarius Monasterii de Abirbrothok et eiusdem loci conuentus dilectis nostris Joanni Setoun Wilelmo King . . . balliuis nostris . . . salutem Quia clare nobis constat . . . quod quondam Wilelmus Setoun de Meldrum pater Alexandri Setoun nunc de Meldrum latoris presentium obiit vltimo . . . saisitus vt de feodo ad fidem et pacem supremi domini nostri Regis de . . . terris de Auchinneif cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra regalitatem nostram de Abirbrothok baroniam de Tarves et vicecomitatum de Abirdein Et quod dictus Alex-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Meldrum.]

ander est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Willelmi patris sui de dictis terris cum suis pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre de nobis tenentur in capite . . . Vobis igitur . . . firmiter mandamus quatenus . . . saisinam hereditariam . . . predictarum terrarum . . . prefato Alexandro filio et heredi predicto vel suo certo attornato latori presentium tradatis . . . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus manu nostra subscriptis sigillum commune dicti nostri Monasterii est appensum apud Monasterium de Paalai octavo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo septuagesimo octavo coram hiis testibus Claudio Hammiltoun commendatario de Paalai nostro germano Jacobo Hammiltoun de Ormistoun Mongo Hammiltoun de Perdouen Joanne Hammiltoun de Binn et Arthuro Vdnie . Et sic subscribitur Joannes commendatarius de Arbrothe . Quoquidem precepto per me notarium publicum . . . publicato prefatus Joannes Setoun ballivus . . . saisinam . . . prefatarum terrarum . . . prefato Alexandro Setoun dedit . . . Super quibus . . . sepefatus Alexander Setoun a me notario publico . . . petiit . . . instrumenta Acta erant hec super fundum dictarum terrarum de Auchinneif . . . coram hiis testibus Andrea Bodwell Laurentio Leyth Jacobo Crag et Alexandro Leslie . . .

Et ego Daudid Settoun presbyter Sancti Andree diocesis publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius . . .

Service on Pittrichie, etc.¹—(A.D. 1678.)

May 31, 1678 . Special service of Richard Maitland as nearest heir of his father Richard Maitland of Pittrichie knight baronet and one of the senators of the College of Justice in . . . the towns and lands of Coullie

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the fifteenth day of October, 1673, Sir Charles Maitland, knight baronet, was served nearest heir to Sir Richard Maitland, his brother, in these lands and tithes, and in the salmon fishing on the shore of Aberdeen, lying between the north side of the river Dee and the south side of the river Don, with power to use nets, hooks, cruives, boats, and all other machines for taking salmon within these bounds, etc.—(Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.) This right of fishing was, at the instance of the Town Council of Aberdeen, afterwards declared to be illegal.—(MSS. in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.)]

with the mill mill lands . . . and pertinents of the same lying in the barony of Tarves regality of Aberbrothock and shire of Aberdeen and also the tithes parsonage and vicarage of . . . Coullie the mill town of Cowllie and mill lands . . . held of the King by royal charter under the great seal of date 9 February 1666 And also in . . . the lands of Cairnfechell Auchinleck and mill of Fechell with the mill lands . . . and in the lands of Pitrichie with all . . . pertinents lying in said barony of Tarves regality of Aberbrothock and shire of Aberdeen And in . . . the tithes of . . . the said lands . . . and lands of Bogfechell with all their parts lying in said parish of Tarves and shire of Aberdeen And also in . . . the town and lands of Bogfechell with the . . . pertinents . . . lying in said regality of Aberbrothock . . . according to the tenor of a royal charter under the great seal in favor of the said Sir Richard Maitland and his forebears . . . dated 17 July 1674 ordaining the manor place of Pitrichie the principal messuage of the whole lands and others above written . . . And also in . . . the shady third part of . . . Newtown of Shives with the pertinents called Skillmanee . . . lying in the barony of Shives and shire of Aberdeen And also in . . . the double part of . . . Achincreive with all the . . . pertinents lying in said barony of Shives and shire of Aberdeen with liberty of casting peats and turf in the moss of Little Ardo . . . And likewise in . . . the croft on the north . . . commonly called the Person's Croft with the biggings and gardens . . . and church lands on the north part of the torrent of Little Methlick with the common pasture and . . . pertinents . . . in the parish of Methlick and shire of Aberdeen with the tithes . . . Which whole town and lands of Cowllie . . . etc. . . with the tithes . . . are held immediately in chief of the King and his successors in fee and heritage perpetually for yearly payment . . . for . . . duties customs grassums and annual augmentation [of] fourteen pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence Scots . . . Which towns and lands of Cairnfechell Auchinleck mill of Fechell . . . and . . . Pitrichie with all . . . their . . . pertinents . . . are held immediately in chief of the King and his successors in feu farm for yearly payment of the sum of twenty-two pounds seven shillings Scots . . . and for yearly payment for said lands of Pitrichie . . . of the sum of five pounds six shillings and five pence Scots . . . Which towns and lands of Bogfechell . . . are immediately held in chief of George Marquis of

Huntly his heirs and successors in feu farm and perpetual heritage for yearly payment of six punds three shillings and eight pence . . . Which said shady third part of . . . Newtown of Shives with pertinents called Skillmanee . . . are held immediately in chief of Sir George Gordon of Gight and Robert Irvine of Fedderat or either of them . . . in feu farm and heritage for yearly payment of forty shillings Scots at two terms in the year . . . Which double part of the towns and lands of Auchincrive with the . . . pertinents are held immediately in chief of George Gordon of Gight and Robert Irvine of Fedderat or either of them in heritage and free blench farm perpetually for yearly payment of one penny Scots . . . Which croft . . . called the Persons Croft with the . . . pendicles . . . with the tithes are held of the Principal Sub-Principal and Masters of King's College Aberdeen and their successors by virtue of the annexation of the rectory and prebend of Methlick to the patronage of said college in feu farm or perpetual heritage for yearly payment of six shillings and eight pence Scots . . .

Service on Shethin.¹ — (A.D. 1672.)

November 1, 1672 . Special service of James Seaton as nearest heir of his father William Seaton minister at Logie Buchan in . . . the dominical lands of Shethin with the manor place . . . and pertinents . . . lying within the parish of Tarves and sheriffdom of Aberdeen . . . held in chief of the King and his successors for service of ward and relief.

[Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen. MS. in archivis civitatis.]

THE PARISH OF UDNY.¹

*Carta Duncano Scherar rectori de Clat.*²—(A.D. 1503.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Willelmus Oudny de eodem . . . salutem Noueritis me . . . dedisse . . . venerabili viro Magistro Duncano Scherar rectori de Clait ac canonico Aberdonensi unum annuum redditum duarum marcarum usualis monete Scotie . . . de totis et integris terris meis de Oudny cum suis pertinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene pro quadam certa summa pecunie . . . Tenendum . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde . . . unum denarium usualis monete Scotie . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum est appensum apud Aberdene duodecimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo secundo coram discretis et famosis viris Magistris Johanne Cuminge Johanne Pyot Domino Roberto Roust Domino Duncano Redfurde Domino Andrea Scherar capellanis Magistris Matheo Pacok et Domino Johanne Stirueling presbitro ac notariis publicis .

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 357-360.]

On the eleventh of November, 1406, Ranald of Vldeny lord of that Ilk granted to a chaplain serving in the chapel of the Holy Trinity of Uldeny, for the soul of Patrick of Vldeny his father, the land on which the old chapel of Uldeny stood; his lands between the burns of Brony and Couly; the land which the hermit possessed by leave of his father; the brewhouse of Uldeny, with pasture on the common of Uldeny, for a mare, a pig, twelve cattle and forty sheep; and an annual rent of thirty-three shillings and four pence from his lands of Achynlown. In the year 1456, Sir John Jeftason was collated by Ingeram, bishop of Aberdeen, to this chaplainry, which was in the presentation of William Uldeny of that Ilk, and was vacant by the death of Sir Thomas Broustare.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., pp. 209, 282.) A charter, which appears to be spurious, bears that in the year 1163, Malcolm IV. confirmed the lands of Talgird in this parish to the See of Aberdeen.—(Ibid., vol. i., p. 7.)]

² [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.]

On 16th January, 1502-3, this annual rent was conveyed by the rector of Clat to the church of the King's College.—(Fasti Aberdonenses, pp. 42-43.)]

Inquisitio Ranaldi Oudny.¹ —(A.D. 1510.)

Inquisitio facta apud burgum de Abirdene octauo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo nono coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet . Georgium Meldrum de Fyvy Johannem Forbes de Pitslego Walterum Berclay de Towy Johannem Mowat de Loscragy Willelmum Turing de Foverne Thomam Fraser de Stanyvod Alexandrum Cumming de Cultir Willelmum Jhonestone de eodem Alexandrum Gordone de Kennerty Alexandrum Mortymar de Cragyuer Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Johannem Skene Willelmum Blakhale de eodem Patricium Stewart de Latheris et Johannem Gardin de Durlatheris . Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Willelmus Oudny de eodem pater Ranaldi Oudny latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Auchlwne Moneiss Tulyaiff et molendino earundem cum tenentibus tenendriis et libere tenentium seruiciis jacentibus in baronia de Kynneduard Et de terris de Oudny cum suis pertinenciis et molendino earundem jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Ranaldus est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam Willelmi patris sui de dictis terris et molendinis cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre de Auchlwne Moneiss Tulyaiff et molendinum earundem cum tenentibus tenendriis et libere tenentium seruiciis valent nunc per annum quadraginta libras et valuerunt sexdecim libras tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Oudny cum molendino earundem cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum sexdecim libras et valuerunt quinque libras tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Auchlwne Moneiss Tulyaif cum molendino earundem tenentibus tenendriis et libere tenentium seruiciis et dicte terre de Oudny cum pertinenciis tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium warde et releuij debitum et consuetum Et quod nunc existunt in manibus domini

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

The same jury found Jonet Seytoun, the widow of the deceased William Oudny of that ilk, entitled to her terce out of the same lands of Oudny, Auchlovne, and Tulyache.—(Id.)]

nostri Regis legitime per seipsum ob decessum dicti quondam Willelmi patris sui qui obiit secundo die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo nono in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis .

Carta Regis Rannaldo Owdny de eodem ejusque sponse.¹—(A.D. 1511)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem Sciatis nos dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilectis nostris Rannaldo Owdny de eodem et Isobelle Pantoun sue sponse et eorum alteri diucius viuenti in coniuncta infeodacione totas et integras terras de Owdny cum molendino earundem et suis pertinentiis totas et integras terras de Tulyaif et Auchloun cum suis pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene Quaidem terre et quod molendinum . . . fuerunt dicti Rannaldi prius hereditarie et quas et quod idem Rannaldus . . . in manus nostras apud Edinburgh . . . simpliciter resignauit . . . Tenendas . . . predictas terras de Owdny cum molendino . . . et . . . dictas terras de Tulyaif et Auchloun . . . de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris . . . seruicia . . . nobis debita et consueta In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus testibus reuerendissimo reuerendisq[ue] in Christo patribus Alexandro Sanctiandree archiepiscopo etc. cancellario nostro Willelmo episcopo Abir-donensi nostri secreti sigilli custode Andrea episcopo Cathanensi thesaurario nostro dilectis consanguineis nostris Archibaldo comite de Ergile . . . magistro hospicii nostri Matheo comite de Levenax . . . Alexandro domino Hume magno camerario nostro Andrea domino Gray justiciario nostro magistro Gawino Dunbar archidiacono Sanctiandree clerico rotulorum registri ac consilii nostri Patricio Paniteir rectore de Tannades

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Udney charter chest.

Elizabeth Prat, on 2d May, 1508, and Isabella Prat her sister, on 7th April, 1509, were served heirs to Thomas Prat their father, in an annual rent of five merks Scots furth of the lands of Owdny.—(Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem.)]

secretario nostro et Roberto Coluile de Uchiltre nostre cancellarie direttore apud Edinburgh decimo die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo undecimo et regni nostri vicesimo quarto .

Concessio regia Johanni Drumbrek de eodem.¹ —(A.D. 1503.)

Apud Perth, ii. Julii, j^m. ccccc. iii. . Rex quia terre et baronia de Kynnedward cum tenentibus etc. earundem infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene per Dominos Consilii sibi adjudicabantur pertinere tanquam heredi quondam Johannis comitis de Buchane et nolens dampnum aliquod seu prejudicium Johanni Drumbrek de eodem in terris subscriptis per ipsum de dicto Comite tentis generetur seu inferatur concessit dicto Johanni Drumbrek de eodem et heredibus suis terras de Drumbrek cum molendino earundem in baronia et vicecomitatu antedictis quas dictus Johannes personaliter resignavit . Reddendo annuatim Regibus Scocie tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia vicecomitatus de Abirdene necnon wardam relevium et maritagium cum contigerint .

Confirmatio regia Willelmo Dunbrek.² —(A.D. 1509.)

Apud Edinburghe, xii. Februarii, j^m. ccccc. viii . Rex confirmavit cartam Johannis Dunbrek de eodem [in qua concessit filio suo et heredi apparenti Willelmo Dunbrek et Mergarete Johnestoune ejus sponse et eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Willelmi terras de Myltoune de Dunbrek et Newlandis de le Manys eidem augmentatas de novo in dominio de Dunbrek infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene excepto molendino cum suiscroftis cum libertate solita ante confectionem presencium . Testibus Alexandro Annand de Ouchterellone Magistro Alexandro Chene Patricio Rede burgensi de Abir-

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 6, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Ibidem, lib. xv., no. 25.]

dene Andrea Strathechny Willelmo Turing et Thoma Morise . Apud Abirdene, xxvij. Octobris . j^m. v^o. viij.] Testibus Willelmo episcopo Aberdonensi Jacobo postulato Glasguensi thesaurario Alexandro comite de Huntlie Archibaldo comite de Ergile Matheo comite de Levenax Alexandro domino Hume Andrea domino Gray Magistro Gawino Dunbar .

The discharge of Allathine and Leterche eftir apprysing thair of to the Kyng.¹—(A.D. 1509.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum vicecomiti et balliis suis de Abirdene necnon dilectis nostris Johannj Schand Willelmo Vrquhart ac eorum cuilibet coniunctim et diuisim vicecomitibus nostris de Abirdene in hac parte salutem Quia terre de Lital Alathin et Leterche exceptis nouemdecim solidatis earundem cum pertinenciis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene que consanguineo nostro Johannj domino Forbes coronatori dicti nostri vicecomitatus per ipsum de nobis tente in capite hereditarie pertinnerunt legitime appreciate et nobis reassasite fuerunt per vicecomitem nostrum de Abirdene et suos deputatos pro summa quadringentarum quinquaginta septem mercarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum monete regni nostri in qua summa dictus noster consanguineus in nostro ultimo itinere iusticiarie de Abirdene pro non introitu virorum insolencium vulgo vagabundis et aliorum in eodem adiudicatus erat prout in processu appreciationis desuper confecto plenius continetur Nos cum assensu et consensu nostri thesaurarij tenore presencium concedimus predictas terras a nobis debito tempore per solutionem dicte summe nobis et nostro thesaurario nostro nomine per dictum nostrum consanguineum factam legitime redemptas . . . Vobis igitur precipimus et mandamus quatenus dicto nostro consanguineo . . . sasinam predictarum terrarum . . . juste haberi faciatis . . . Datum sub testimonio magnj sigilli nostri Apud Edinburghe decimotercio die mensis Februarij anno regnj nostri vicesimo primo .

Ex mandato S.D.N. Regis et suj thesaurarij etc.

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Whitehaugh.]

*Preceptum sasine terrarum et Baquharis et Alathin.*¹—(A.D. 1534.)

Preceptum Regium vicecomitibus de Aberdene ad infeoffandum Johannem dominum Forbes in terra de Baquharis et Alathin jacentibus infra baroniam de Kynedward et vicecomitatum de Abirdene prius per Alexandrum Guthre alias Falkland signiferum appretiatis suo pro feodo in appretiatione aliarum terrarum dicti domini (ipso Alexandro vicecomite et officario in appretiatione earundem terrarum existente) nunc per dictum dominum legitime redemptis . xxj. Aprilis anno regni Jacobi V. vicesimo primo .

*Carta Andree Elphinstoun de Selmys.*²—(A.D. 1503.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris Willelmus Oudny de eodem . . . salutem Noueritis me . . . dedisse . . . honorabili viro Andree Elphinstoun de Selmys omnes et singulas terras meas de Balnakeddil cum suis pertinentiis jacentes in baronia de Kynedward infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene pro quadam certa summa pecunie . . . Tenendas . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde . . . servitium de dictis terris debitum et consuetum . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum est appensum apud Abirdene vicesimo primo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tertio coram venerabilibus viris Dominis Thoma Mirtoun et Alexandro Monymeil rectoribus de Tyry et Forbes Patricio Levynstoun Gilberto Johnstoun Johanne Charteris et Domino Johanne Stirveling notario publico .

*Sale of Hilbrae to Robert Clerk.*³—(A.D. 1664.)

Bee it kend to all men . . . mee Maister Alexander Udny lawfull sone

¹ [Noted from the original in the charter chest at Castle Forbes.]

² [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen. Andrew Elphinstoun of Selms, on the thirteenth day of January, 1503-4, conveyed the lands of Balnakeddil to the students of theology in the New College of the University of Aberdeen, ordering the rents to be divided among them by the advice of the Chancellor.—(Fasti Aberdonenses, pp. 43, 44.)]

[Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.]

to the deceased William Udney of that ilk now minister at Haukines in Kent in England . . . forsamekle as Robert Clerk lawfull sone to Maister James Clerk of Tillicorthie hes peyit . . . to me ane certane soume of money . . . Thairfor wit ye me to have sauld . . . to the said Robert Clerk . . . all and hail my tuelff oxin gate of the toune and lands of Bonnakettill called Hilbrae . . . lyand within the barronie of King Edward and shirreffdome of Abirdene . . . to be holdin . . . for payment of ane pennie yeirlie . . . I haue sealed and subscribed thir presents with my hand att Haukines the fourth of Appryll in the yeir of our Lord ane thousand sex hundreth thriescore and foure yeiris befor these witnesses Maister Bassill Kennet curate at Cherytoun and Edward Frankline shopkeeper in Folstoun in the county of Kent .

*Concessio regia Henrico domino Sinclere.*¹—(A.D. 1511.)

Apud Edinburghe, xxi. Augusti, j^m. ccccc. xi. Rex concessit Henrico domino Sinclere et heredibus suis annum redditum quadraginta solidorum de terris de Logyruffe infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene que fuerunt in manibus Regis racione non introitus per spacium quinquaginta annorum etc.

*Litera Johannis de Berclay domini de Crauford de terris de Tullymadich et de Crag.*²—(A.D. 1309.)

Omnibus Christi fidelibus . . . Johannes de Berclay dominus de Crauford salutem . . . Nouerit me ex conuentione facta relaxasse et dimisisse Malisio de Meneth de octo marcis [in quibus] dictus Malisius

On the twenty-third day of March, 1677, sasine of the lands of Hillbrae was given to Jean Udney, heiress of the Rev. Alexander Udney her uncle, and spouse of James Clerk. The sasine proceeds on a disposition granted by the common Procurator, Principal, and Professors of the King's College of Aberdeen. On the second day of February, 1677, Jean Udney, her husband, and William Clerk her son, reconveyed these twelve oxgates to the college.—(Originals in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.)]

¹ [From the *Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli*, lib. xvii., no. 108, M.S. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Castle Forbes.]

michi et heredibus meis hereditarie tenetur ut patet in carta confecta inter me et dictum Malisium de terris de Tullymadich et le Crag nisi tantum quod idem Malisius bona fide terris annuis poterit leuare dum dicte terre de Tullymadich et de le Crag se extendent ad integram assedacionem octo marcarum et ex tunc idem Malisius reddet illas octo marcas ut patet in carta sua originali de predictis terris . preterea et si contingat quod absit quod dicte terre per Anglicanum distruantur predictus Malisius vel heredes sui uel sui assignati michi et heredibus meis uel tis de predicta feodifirma integra non tenebuntur nisi quatenus de dictis terris pacifice percipere poterint patet in dicta carta . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui Datum apud Abirden die Barnabe Appostoli . anno Domini m^o ccc^o nono .

Confirmatio regia Magistro David Gardin ejusque sponse. ¹ —(A.D. 1511.)

Apud Edinburghe, xxi. Augusti, j^m. ccccc. xi . Rex confirmavit cartam Ranaldi Oudny de eodem [in qua concessit Magistro David Gardin de Kynansith et Jonete Tulloch ejus sponse et eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquieribus heredibus dicte Jonete quibuscunque terras suas dimidietatis terrarum de Tullicorthe in dominio seu territorio suo de Auchloun baronia de Kynedward et infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene que fuerunt dicte Jonete per ipsam et predecessores de dicto Ranaldo . . . in alba firma in capite tante que baronia de Kynedward per Regem adjudicata fuit et postea pro certa compositione Georgius dominus Seytoun dictum Ranaldum infeodavit Tenendas a dicto Ranaldo etc. de Rege . Testibus Andrea Hering de Glasclune Thoma Forestare de Giblestoun Roberto Stewart filio et herede apparente Patricii Stewart de Latheris Alexandro Pantoun filio et herede apparente

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xvii., no. 34, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

On the thirteenth day of April, 1507, Ninian Blinsele was served heir to Robert Blinsele his father, in an annual rent of twenty shillings Scots furth of the lands of Tullicorthe, held of the laird of Tullicorthe in free blench.—(Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS.)]

Johannis Pantoune de Petmeddane Michaelae Strathenry de eodem Jacobo Hering Johanne Lawsoune Alexandro Yong et Alexandro Clerk notariis publicis . Apud Edinburghe, ix^o. Augusti . j^m. v^o. xj^o.]

Carta Willelmi episcopi Aberdonensis Roberto Turing de Foveran et sponse ejus.¹ —(A.D. 1563.)

Willelmus . . . Abirdonensis episcopus . . . Noueritis nos . . . cum . . . consensu . . . canonicorum capituli ecclesie nostre cathedralis . . . assedasse . . . et ad feudifirmam . . . hereditarie dimisisse . . . honorabili viro Roberto Turyng de Fowerne et Helene Carnegy sponse sue in coniuncta infeodatione et eorum alteri diutius viventi et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis . . . totas et integras terras nostras de Torreleytht cum pertinenciis . . . jacentes infra schiram episcopatus nostri . . . et vicecomitatum de Abirden Quasquidem terras . . . prefatus Robertus et sui predecessores de nobis . . . in assedatione possiderunt ipsasque idem Robertus pro diuersis annis futuris de nobis in assedatione habet Que etiam terre cum suis pertinentiis fuerunt Vilhelmj Gordoune perprius hereditarie et quas idem Vilhelmus cum assensu parentum et consanguineorum . . . et honorabilium virorum Alexandri Gordone de Stradoun et Magistri Alexandri Setoune cancellarij Abirdonensis tutorum suorum . . . resignavit apud palacium nostrum Abirdonense in favorem dictorum Roberti [et heredum suorum] . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . sex libras et octo solidos pro firma et gressuma . . . dimidietatem vnius marte vnius mutonis unam bollam avenarum cum pabulo sex capones duodecim gallinas viginti denarios pro bondagio quinque solidos pro annua augmentatione . . . Apud ciuitatem nostram Abirdonensem die mensis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo tertio coram testibus Waltero Innes in Little

¹ [Abridged from the original among the Torryleith writs.

In 1569, the lands of Torryleith became the property of Robert Irvine, brother german of Alexander Irvine of Drum. In 1627, they were conveyed by Alexander Irvine, heir of the above-named Robert Irvine, to his brother-german John Irvine of Balbithan. In 1659, the tinds of Torryleith were conveyed by John Forbes of Waterton to John Irvine of Murtle, who in 1672, with consent of his son Alexander Irvine, conveyed both teinds and lands to Alexander Walker, writer in Edinburgh. (Torryleith writs.)]

Achmacoy Magistro Gilberto Blakhall in Drummis Domino Vilhelmo Kabell Magistro Stephano Maners Magistro Georgio Barclay et Magistro Joanne Kennedy notario publico . . .

W. Hay & Turref.

Vs. Eps. Abdn.

Wilhelmus Cabell de

M. Alex. Setone Cancellarius Abd.

Joannes Leslie de Wne.

Patricius Myrton thesaurarius.

Andreas Leslie de Ellone.

Ja. Strathaachin a Balbelaie.

Alex. Andersone de Meithlik.

Henricus Lummisdin de Kynkell

Litera prosapiae Domini Joannis Orchardtoun.¹ —(A.D. 1663.)

Carolus Dei gratia etc. Vniversis et singulis augustissimis ac serenissimis monarchia imperatoribus regibus fratribus nostris charissimis . . . presertim vero potentissimo ac serenissimo principi Carolo eadem gratia Suecorum Gothorum Vandalorumque Regi et Principi hereditario etc. fratri necnon consanguineo nostro charissimo ac bono amico Cum debita officiorum commendatione perpetuam felicitatem ac salutem ab eo qui oranium credentium est salus: . . . Quum . . . dilectus noster subditus Dominus Joannes Orchardtonus in exercitum sub auspicijs serenissimi Suedorum Regis vigilum prefectus supplex a nobis postulasset vt que de ipsius natalibus et prosapia vel hominum memoria vel antiquissimis regni Scotie monumentis constarent publico nostro diplomate testata faceremus: Nos tam honeste petitioni faventes opera et fide Gulielmi comitis de Glencarne . . . nostri in regno Scotiae cancellarij tota re explorata de ipsius natalibus et majoribus hoc publicum testimonium deferimus: Natus est antedictus Dominus Joannes Orchardtoun vigilum prefectus ex legitimo matrimonij thoro parentibus et majoribus vtrinque in hoc regno nobilitate et virtute primarijs patre domino Andrea Orchardtoun Orchardtounij comarcho in vicecomitatu nostro Abredonensi matre domina Elisabetha Robertsona illius conjugis legitima: Fuit autem Andreas Orchardtoun Orchardtounij comarchus filius legitimus domini Joannis Orchardtonij Orchardtounij comarchi ex illius conjugis Elisabetha Auchinlecka que filia fuit legitima domini Georgij Auchinlecki Pitrichie

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh]

ex antiquissima Balmanee baronum familia oriundi in vicecomitatu nostro Perthensi baronis in suprema Scotorum curia senatoris amplissimi ex illius conjuge domina Anna Reetta domini Jacobi Retti Halgreene baronis filia legitima Et hic quoque dominus Joannes Orchartoune Orchartounij comarchus domini Joannis Orchartounij vigilum prefecti avus filius fuit legitimus domini Jacobi Orchartounij Orchartonij comarchi ex domina Joanna Strachana que parentes habuit dominum Gulielmum Strauchan Monboddo comarchum ex antiquissima Strachanorum Thorntounij baronum in vicecomitatu nostro Kincardiensi familia recta linea oriundum opibus honore potentia et avita rerum gestarum gloria imprimis refulgente matrem Margaretam Ramseam filiam legitimam Domini Jacobi Ramsei Belmeine baronis necnon equitis aurati Quum et hic dominus Jacobus Orchartoun Orchartounij comarchus domini Joannis Orchartounij vigilum prefecti proavus filius fuit legitimus domini Roberti Orchartoune Orchartounij comarchi ex domina Joanna Allerdessa filia legitima amplissimi viri domini Jacobi Allerdessij Allerdessiae in predicto Kincardiensi vicecomitatu nostro comarchi summa integritate spectati Que Orchartounij familia pristinae nobilitatis honorem intactum hucusque conservavit et in plurimas propagata familias splendidissimas hodie superstites virtute et honore conspicuas multis seculis floruit: Ceterum domina Elisabetha Robertsona domini Joannis Orchartounij vigilum prefecti mater parentes habuit dominum Georgium Robertsons Auchtermouchtie baronie orientalis partis in vicecomitatu nostro Fifensi hereditarium possessorem et dominam Margaretam Pringellam filiam legitimam domini Gulielmi Pringelli Casus Gallovidiani in vicecomitatu nostro Selkirkensi baronis ex illius conjuge domina Dorothea Mura filia legitima domini Alexandri Muri Calvalae baronis: Fuit autem dominus Georgius Robertsonus orientalis Auchtermouchtie baronie partis hereditarius possessor domini Joannis Orchartounij vigilum prefecti avus maternus filius legitimus domini Patricij Robertsoni orientalis Auchtermouchtie baroniae partis hereditarij possessoris ex ejus conjuge domina Joanna Gibba que filia fuit legitima domini Joannis Gibbi egregia fide commendati Kinmouthij in predicto vicecomitatu nostro Fifensi comarchi Qui dominus Patricius Robertsonus . . . filius fuit legitimus domini Jacobi Robertsoni Auchtermouchtie orientalis baronie possessoris hereditarij ex illius conjuge legitima domina Elizabetha Ramsea que filia fuit domini Jacobi Ramsei

Arbeckiae in vicecomitatu nostro Forfarenſi baronis [minime] obſcure ex clariffima Dalhousie Comitum familia oriunda Qui dominus Jacobus Robertſonus . . . filius fuit legitimus domini Alexandri Robertſoni baronie Auchtermouchtie orientalis partis poſſeſſoris hereditarij ex illius conjuge domina Joanna Scotta Domini Gulielmi Scott Balviriae equitis aurati Qui dominus Alexander Robertſonus recta linea ex clariffima Robertſonorum Struanæ baronum familia oriundus quorum poſteri in vicesimo nobilitatis ordine vetuſtiſſimi ſtemmatis claritatem hodie etiamnum tuentur necnon conſtanti virtutis ſtudio illuſtris familie nobilitatem hactenus decorarunt et amplificarunt Atque hos vniuerſos domini Joannis Orchartounij vigilum preſecti majores in vtraque ſerie recensitos legitimis nuptiis progenitos fuiſſe teſtamur Nec paucos eorum publicis honoribus domi militi[aeque] ſumma cum laude defunctos eſſe reliquos preclaram vitae honeſtae famam ad poſteros tranſmiſiſſe Que omnia et ſingula de Domini Joannis Orchartounij vigilum preſecti majoribus et proſapia ante memorata vel publicorum regni monumentorum authoritate vel hominum graviffimorum adhuc ſuperſtitum fide comprobata vobis vniuerſis et ſingulis tanquam verā et authentica hoc noſtro diplomate nota et teſtata facimus ipſumque adeo vt virum et antiqua ſanguinis nobilitate et eximia majorum virtute preclarum majorem in modum vobis commendamus magnopere rogantes vt que illuſtribus illius natalibus nec non proprijs meritis debentur eidem haud gravate deferatis In quo quidem officio civibus veſtris ſimili commendatione fretis paria libenter faciemus et retribuere ſpondemus Datum ſub magno noſtro ſigillo regni noſtri Scotiae Edenburgi ſexto die menſis Auguſti anno Domini milleſimo ſexcenteſimo ſexageſimo tertio et anno regni noſtri decimo quinto .

THE PARISH OF LOGY IN BUCHAN.¹

*Inquisitio Alexandri Buchan de Auchnacoy.*² — (A.D. 1505.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene vltimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in curia capitali in pretorio eiusdem pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Irvin de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillorth milites Willelmum Gordoun de Schewes Walterum Berclay de Towy Jacobum Chene de Straloch Willelmum Leslie de Balquhan Willelmum Craufurde de Federay Alexandrum Skene de eodem Alexandrum Caldour de Sonnoherd Willelmum Johnnestoun filium et heredem apparentem Alexandri Johnnestoun de eodem Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Johannem

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 361-364.

In the year 1362, Alexander, bishop of Aberdeen, following up the grant of the patronage of this church by King David II. to the chapter of the cathedral church of St. Machar, conveyed to that body the church itself, with all its revenues and teinds. Out of the revenues five pounds sterling were assigned to a chaplain in the cathedral, who was to perform the usual religious services for the souls of the King and the Bishop, and their predecessors and successors: and ten marks were set apart for the vicar serving the cure. In the year 1520, Logybuchan and Rathyne were set for £212.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., pp. 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 384.)

On the thirteenth day of May, 1589, Patrick Cheyne of Esslmonthe granted the sunny plough of the shady half of the lands of Taaertie in this parish, and in warrandice the sunny plough of the shady half of Bourishill in the parish of Ellon, to William Mar, burgess of Aberdeen. On the thirtieth day of May, 1590, the same Patrick Cheyne granted to Alexander Tullduff the shady half of the lands of Taaertie. On the eighteenth day of July, 1605, William Mar sold his right to John Urquhart of Craigfintray. He, in the year 1609, conveyed his right to John Forbes of Piteligo, who, in the same year, succeeded by purchase to the right of Tullduff.—(Originals in the Piteligo charter chest.)]

² [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.

On the fifth day of June, 1557, William Buchane was served heir to Alexander Buchane his father, in these lands and in the lands of Innererny in the barony of Ouchterless Allirdes.—(Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS.) On the twenty-ninth day of July in the same year, Marlorie Burnat the widow of Alexander Buchane was adjudged to have right to her terce out of the same lands.]

Mowat de Loscragy Robertum Dugude de Auchnahuf Walterum Dempstar de Ochterles Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Willelmum Blakhall de Bourty Johannem Gardin de Latheris Thomam Burnat de Gask Willelmum Turing de Fouarn Andream Tulidef de eodem Alexandrum Wyn-toun de Andait Georgium Lesly de eodem et Johannem Dunbrek de eodem Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Andreas Buchan de Auchnacoy frater Alexandri Buchane latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Auchmokoy et Oykorn . . . cum suis pertinenciis Et de vno anno redditu duarum marcarum vualis monete Scocie de duabus partibus terrarum de Faichlie cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in baronia de Kynneduard Et de terris de Mekle Creche cum pertinenciis jacentibus in dominio de Federay infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Alexander est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Andree fratris sui de dictis terris et annuo redditu cum suis pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre de Auchmokoy et Oykorn cum tenentibus et tenendrijs et annuus redditus valent nunc per annum viginti septem marcas Et valuerunt decem libras tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Mekle Creche cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum sexdecim marcas Et valuerunt octo marcas tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Auchmacoy Oykorn et annuus redditus cum pertinenciis tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium wardo et releuij Et quod dicte terre de Mekle Creche cum pertinenciis tenentur in capite de Domino de Federay in alba firma Reddendo vnum denarium nomine albe firme Et quod dicte terre de Auchmokoy Oykorn et annuus redditus cum pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per spacium viginti vnus ebdomidarum videlicet per octo dies ante festum Pentecostes immediate elapsi Et quod dicte terre de Mekle Creche cum pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus dicti Domini de Federay per dictum spacium viginti vnus ebdomidarum per decessum dicti quondam Andree fratris sui in defectu veri heredis jussuum hucusque minime prosequentis Datum et clausum sub sigillo dicti officij vicecomitis deputati et sigillis quorundam eorum qui huic inquisitioni intererant faciende anno die mense et loco prenotatis .

Iidem jurati dicunt quod Marioria Craufurd relicta quondam Andree Buchane de Auchmokoy tenetur habere rationabilem terciam terrarum de

Auchmokoy et dimidietatis terrarum de Oykorne Et de vno annuo redditu duarum marcarum de duabus partibus terrarum de Faichtly Et de terris de Innerquherny ac de terris de Mekill Creche exceptis duntaxat octo marcatis earundem terrarum de Mekile Creche .

Confirmatio regia Ade Hepburne de Cragis.¹ —(A.D. 1506.)

Apud Edinburghe, xxi. Augusti, j^m. cccc. vi . Rex confirmavit cartam Willelmi comitis Erolie domini Hay ac constabularii Scocie [in qua concessit Ade Hepburne de Cragis heredibus suis et assignatis terras de Raynstoune et Cragy in baronia de Slanys infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene que fuerunt dicte Ade et per ipsum de Thoma Kynnarde de eodem immediate tenente dicti Comitis in capite tante et ob integram alienacionem earundem etc. per dictum Thomam in manibus dicti Comitis tanquam domini et baronis de Slanys recognite fuerunt etc. Reddendo annuatim dicto Comiti etc. tres denarios argenti albe firme . Testibus Willelmo Fresale de Phillorthe Alexandro Keithe de Hithe et Gilberto Hay de Ardendracht militibus Willelmo Hay de Ury Johanne Hepburne Johanne Ogill et domino Andrea Eldare presbitero ac notario publico . Apud Erole, xxv. Julii . j^m. v^o. vj.]

Discharge of the feu mail of Mekill Atroquhy.² —(A.D. 1528.)

An instrument taken upon a ratification by William Earl of Erroll of a discharge by his father William umquhile Earl of Erroll granted to his servant Walter the Hay of Mekil Atroquhy of forty shillings of his feu mail for those lands discharging also the doubling of the feu-duty now at his the Earl's entry because the said Walter his fader remanit with my lord my fader to the deid, of date at Delgattie 2 January, 1513 ; witnesses Alexander the Hay of Ardendrocht Maunes Mowait son and

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 247, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Noted from the original in the charter chest at Castle Forbes.]

apparent heir to the laird of Bawquhallie Alexander Hay canon and commissary of Aberdeen and tutor testamentar to the Earl a minor. 10 October, 1528.

Service on Little Artrochie.¹ —(A.D. 1673.)

July 23, 1673 . Special service of Alexander M'Ghie as nearest heir of his father Hugo M'Ghie of Artrochie apothecary burgess of Aberdeen in . . . the towns and lands of Little Artrochie consisting of four ploughs . . . with the mill . . . mill lands . . . with the tithes rectorial and vicarage . . . with the . . . pertinents . . . lying within the parish of Logiebuchan and sheriffdom of Aberdeen with the hereditary right of casting . . . peats from the moss of Divieshill and in special warranty thereof in . . . the towns and lands of Auchmacoy comprehending the lands and dominical lands of Auchmacoy Meikle Auchmacoy Little Auchmacoy and Oikhorne with the fishings mill mill lands . . . and pertinents lying as above And also in . . . the Coble croft of Little Auchmacoy and passage boat of that croft . . . common pasture . . . and pertinents of the same lying within the parish and sheriffdom foresaid Which whole towns and lands of Little Artrochie . . . are held of the King and his successors in free blench for yearly payment of one penny Scots money . . . Which whole towns and lands of Auchmacoy . . . are held of the King and his successors in taxed ward . . .

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.

On the same day, the same Alexander M'Ghie was served heir of his brother Hugh M'Ghie, in the town and lands of Dorskill, etc., in the barony of Auchmacoy, in principal, and in the dominical lands of Meikle Auchmacoy in warrandice. (Id.)]

THE PARISH OF FOVERAN.¹

Concessio regia Willielmo de Turyne. ?—(A.D. 1441.)

Carta Willielmo de Turyne et heredibus suis de omnibus et singulis terris baronie de Foverne cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene super resignatione Joannis de Turyne de Foverene patris dicti Willielmi . tenendis de Rege . reservato dicto Johanni libero tenemento dictarum terrarum et Jonete de Haya sponse dicti Joannis sua rationabili tertia parte dictarum terrarum cum contigerit . faciendo servitia debita et consueta . Testibus Willelmo domino de Crechtoun cancellario Alexandro de Levyngstoun de Calentar Johanne de Cokburne Willelmo de Cranstoune militibus et Magistro Willelmo Turnbule domino Prebende secretario nostro . Apud Edinburgum, xxij. die Aprilis . m^o cccc^o xlj^o et anno regni Regis quarto .

Inquisitio Willelmi Turing de Fouerane. ?—(A.D. 1503.)

Inquisitio facta apud burgum de Aberdene tertio die mensis Octobris

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 364-374.]

On the tenth day of May, 1390, Henry de Brogane, lord of Achlowne, grants to his father John de Fothas the half of his lands of Achlowne, Moness, Balnakeddill, and Tulyhase in the barony of King Edward, before these witnesses, John Fraser, lord of Forglen, Thomas Nory, lieutenant of the sheriff of Aberdeen, Thomas de Haya, constable of Scotland, Alexander Fraser, sheriff of Aberdeen, knights, William de Berkley, Malcolm Mareschall, Andrew de Turyne, John de Fyffe, and Thomas Spryng. In the same year, the same Henry de Brogane grants the other half of the same lands to Thomas de Lask dominus eiusdem. On the twenty-first day of October, 1391, he confirms the above charter to John de Fothas. And, on the twentieth day of August, 1392, Thomas de Lask and John de Fothas, son of Alan de Fothas, convey these lands to David Flemyng, son of Malcolm Flemyng lord of Byger, before these, among other witnesses, Patrick de Graham, Thomas de Irskyne, Robert de Danyelstoun, and Alexander Fraser, sheriff of Aberdeen, knights, John Fraser, lord of Forglen, and Walter de Tulach.—(Originals in the charter chest at Cumbernauld.)

² [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. iii., no. 155, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

³ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen; vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

The same jury found Katherine Waus, widow of the deceased John Turlinge of Fouerane, entitled to her tace of the barony.—(Id.)]

anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tercio coram nobili et potenti domino Johanne comite de Crafurde domino Lindesay ac vicecomite de Aberdene in pretorio burgi de Aberdene curia capitali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Iruyne de Drum militem Willelmum Fraser de Phillortht militem Georgium Meldrum feodatorem de Fiwy Johannem Chene de Essilmond militem Alexandrum Skene de eodem Willelmum Crafurde de Federay Walterum Berclay de Towy Andream Tulideff de eodem Johannem Movat de Loscragy Willelmum Oudny de eodem Henricum Forbes de Kynellour Alexandrum Johnnestoun de eodem Alexandrum Tullocht de Moncoffir Robertum Dogud de Auchnahuff Alexandrum Caldour de Synoharde Johannem Roas de Auchlossin et Johannem Dalgarno de Dalgarnoy Finteray . Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Johannes Turinge de Fouerane pater Willelmi Turinge latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris barronie de Fouerane cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Willelmus est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Johannis patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum octoginta et tres libras Et valuerunt quadraginta libras tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium varde et relevij Et nunc exiunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per decessum dicti quondam Johannis patris sui qui obiit in secundo die mensis Julij datam presentis immediate precedentis in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis . . .

Confirmatio regia Gilberto Turing ejusque sponse. ¹ —(A.D. 1505.)

Apud Edinburghe, xix. Novembris, j^m. cccc. v . Rex confirmavit cartam Willelmi Turing de Foverne [in qua carnali zelo etc. concessit Gilberto Turing filio suo et heredi apparenti et Elene Chene sponse dicti Gilberti eorumque alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis quibus deficientibus dicto Willelmo et heredibus suis propinquieribus legitimis quibuscunque tres

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 181, MS. Gen. Reg. Hous., Edin.].

partes siue tria quarteria terrarum de Mekil Tebirtaw in baronia de Foverne infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . Testibus Willelmo Turing Thoma Turing Waltero Waus Thoma Salmonde et Domino Johanne Striveling notario publico . Apud Foverne, xij. Novembris . j^m. v^o. v.]

Service on Foveran. ¹—(A.D. 1673.)

November 7, 1673 . Special service of Mr. John Forbes writer in Edinburgh as nearest heir of his father Robert Forbes formerly at the church of Foveran in . . . the dominical lands and manor place of Foveran with the new and old mill of Foveran mill lands . . . and also in . . . the towns and lands of Pitgerso . . . Drumes with their pertinents lying within the parish of Foveran barony of the same and sheriffdom of Aberdeen Which whole dominical lands and manor place of Foveran . . . and also . . . Pitgersie . . . Pitscaff and . . . Drumes with their pertinents are held in chief of the King and his successors for service of ward and relief . . .

Carta Ducis Albanie gubernatoris Scotie Johanni de Sancto Claro. ⁴
(A.D. 1411.)

Robertus Dux Albanie comes de Fyfe et de Menteth ac regni Scotie gubernator . Omnibus probis hominibus totius regni predicti clericis et laicis salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto nostro Johanni de Sanctoclaro fratri germano Henrici de Sanctoclaro comitis Orcadie totas et integras terras de Newburgh de Archadle de Knokball et de Crukitfurde cum pertinentiis unacum uno annuo redditu quadraginta solidorum debito . . . annuatim de terris de Logyrufe iacentes in comitatu Buchanie infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . Quequidem terre una cum dicto annuo redditu cum pertinentiis fuerunt predicti Henrici de Sanctoclaro comitis Orcadie hereditarie et quas terras

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [Abridged from the original in the Udry charter chest.]

cum dicto annuo reddito idem Henricus . . . in generali consilio nostro tento apud Edynburgh coram testibus subscriptis in manus nostras . . . per suas litteras patentes . . . simpliciter resignavit . . . Tenendas . . . prenomintas terras una cum dicto annuo reddito . . . predicto Johanni de Sancto Claro et heredibus suis de corpore suo legitime procreatis vel procreandis quibus forte deficientibus veris legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Henrici quibuscunque de domino nostro Rege et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo domino nostro Regi . . . seruicia debita et consueta . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum officii nostri apponi precepimus . Testibus reuerendis in Christo patribus Henrico episcopo Sancti Andree Willelmo episcopo Glasguensi Gilberto episcopo Aberdonensi cancellario Scotie Roberto episcopo Dunkeldensi Waltero episcopo Brechinensi Archebaldo comite de Douglas domino Galwidie Georgio de Dunbar comite Marchie Alexandro Senescalli comite de Marr nepote nostro Johanne Senescalli domino Buchanie filio nostro dilecto Jacobo de Douglas domino de Dalketh Willelmo domino de Graham Johanne Senescalli domino de Loorn militibus et Andrea de Hawyk rectore ecclesie de Listoun secretario nostro . Apud Edynburgh decimo tercio die mensis Marcii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo decimo et gubernationis nostre anno quinto .

Letter of sale to Sym Banerman.¹ —(A.D. 1424.)

Be it kend tyl al men be thir present letteris me Johyn of Tvryne the son and ayr of Androw of Tvryne lorde of Foveryn tyl hafe sauld to Sym Banerman of Alesyk and his ayris aughtene rudis of lande in the Newburch in Buchane to me pertenant be resoun of Androw of Tvryne my brother for a sowme of siluyr the qwhilk the said Sym to me hase fullily payit . . . And gyf it hapnys that the saide landis be lachfully wonnyn fra the said Sym hys ayris or assignais I oblyse me and my ayris to pay to the said Sym hys ayris or assignais ellewyn markis of vsuale monay and lachful of Scotlande at the ueste of Qwyssinday eftyr he or thai bruk and ioyis nocht the saide lande . . . In witnes of the qwhilk thyng to

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Uduy charter chest.]

thir present lettres my sele I hafe toput at Ellon the twonty day of Averyl the yhere of owre Lorde a thowsande fowre hvndyr twenty and fowre yheris .

A wadset of an annual rent in Newburch.¹ —(A.D. 1425.)

Be it made kende tyl al men throw thir present letteris me John of Regley burges of the Newburch tyl hafe laide in wed tyl Sym Banerman of Alesek fowre schillyng of annuale rent of my landis liand on the south side of the byrne of the saide burch betwex the landis of Davy Jonsoun on the ta syde and the landis of John of Rross on the tother syde for twenty schillyng . . . to be haldyn . . . to the saide Sym and hys ayris fra me and my ayris qwhil I or my ayris pay tyl hym or hys ayris at anys . . . twenty schillyng of vsuale mone . In vitnes of the qwhilke thyng for I hade na sele of myne awyn the comvne sele of the saide burch I hafe procurit to be to put the fowre and twenty day of October the yhere of owre Lorde a thowsande fowre hvnder twenty and fywe .

Instrumentum sasine in favorem Willelmi de Sanctoclaro ejusque sponse.¹
—(A.D. 1460.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat . . . quod anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo nono mensis vero Marcii die prima . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constituti honorabiles viri Johannes Mowat de Loscragy procurator . . . Willelmi de Sanctoclaro filii et apparentis heredis nobilis et potentis domini Willelmi comitis Orchadie et Cathanie et Alexander Lesly de eodem procurator . . . Cristiane Lesly sponse dicti Willelmi . . . ad terras baronie de Newburgh . . . et ad mansuagium earundem . . . personaliter accedentes et ibi in presentia nobilis viri Alexandri Douglas deputati vicecomitis de Abberdene quasdam litteras supremi domini nostri Regis . . . dicto

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Udney charter chest.]

. . . domino vicecomitis deputato . . . presentarunt huiusmodi sub tenore . JACOBUS Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem Sciatis nos dedisse . . . dilecto consanguineo nostro Willelmo de Sanctoclaro filio et heredi apparenti predilecti consanguinei nostri Willelmi comitis Orchardie et Cathanie domini de Sanctoclaro et Cristiane sponse dicti Willelmi filii et eorum alteri diutius viuenti totas et integras terras baronie de Newburgh cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abberdene necnon terras de Carden et Maw cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Streuelin unacum viginti libris annui redditus usualis monete regni nostri annuatim leuandi de terris baronie de Disarde cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Fyff . . . Quas terras una cum dicto annuo redditu . . . idem Willelmus comes . . . in manus nostras apud Edinburgh coram subscriptis testibus . . . simpliciter resignauit . . . Tenendas . . . dictas terras unacum predicto annuo redditu . . . dictis Willelmo de Sanctoclaro et Cristiane de Lesly sponse sue et eorum alteri diutius viuenti et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus forte deficientibus . . . legitimis et propinquiorebus heredibus dicti Willelmi comitis quibuscunque de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde annuatim . . . nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris seruicia de dictis terris et annuo redditu . . . debita et consueta In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendis in Christo patribus Georgio episcopo Brechinensi cancellario nostro Niniano episcopo Candidecase dilectis consanguineis nostris Jacobo domino Lewingstoun magno camerario nostro Patricio domino le Grahame Andrea domino Avandale magistris Johanne Arous archidiacono Glasguensi nostri secreti sigilli custode et Georgio Ledale rectore de Foresta secretario nostro apud Edinburgh decimo sexto die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo nono et regni nostri vicesimo tercio . *Sequitur tenor breuis* . JACOBUS Dei gratia Rex Scotorum [*etc. in forma communi*] . . . POST quarumquidem litterarum . . . lecturam dictus dominus deputatus vicecomes . . . prefatis dominis procuratoribus . . . saisinam . . . dictarum terrarum baronie de Newburgh cum pertinentiis . . . tradidit . . . eosdem . . . dominos attornatos in quadam domo mansuagii dicte baronie ut moris est . . . claudendo

Super quibus omnibus . . . prefati domini attornati a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petierunt . . . publica instrumenta . Acta erant hec apud ly Knokhall infra baroniam de Newburgh hora duodecima vel eacirca in meredie . . . presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris Alexandro Mowat filio et apparente herede dicti Johannis Mowat de Loscragy Waltero Mowat Willelmo Watsoun Johanne Ladifferym Patricio Kyde Johanne Nicholaij et Alexandro Cristini cum diuersis aliis testibus . . .

Et ego Robertus Leis presbiter Abbiridonensis dioceseos publicus auctoritate imperiali notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

De capella Sancti Thome Martiris de Newburgh.¹ —(A.D. 1474.)

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris . . . Willelmus de Sanctoclaro dominus baronie de Newburgh infra diocesim Abberdonensem ac patronus . . . indubitatus capelle et capellanie Sancti Thome Martiris de Newburgh . . . salutem Noueritis nos . . . ad plenum intellexisse certas cartas . . . progenitorum nostrorum ac aliorum deuotorum confidelium de certis annuis redditibus particatis piscariis ac rudis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam . . . fundatis pro sustentatione unius capellani in dicta capella diuina celebrantis et pro perpetuo celebraturi nobis presentatas per discretum virum Dominum Alexandrum Gourlay capellanum nostrum dicte capelle . . . Et in primis de quinque marcis monete Scotie de singulis particatis terrarum infra dictum nostrum burgum . . . videlicet de quinque denariis de qualibet particata Item de octo particatis terre circa dictam capellam jacentibus extendentibus a via regia usque ad aquam de Ythane circumcirca in longitudine et in latitudine prout mare fluit et refluit una cum sexdecim salmonibus recentibus aque inferioris de Ythane annuatim per nostros progenitores . . . fundatis Item de duabus particatis terre jacentibus in le Kyrkcroft datis per Willelmum Alexandri Item de quatuor particatis terre cum toftis et croftis jacentibus ex australi parte torrentis de Newburgh datis in . . . perpetuam elemosinam dicte capelle per quondam Johannem Vatsoun de Archorthy et de uno annuo reddito duodecim denariorum dato dicte capelle per quondam Jo-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Udney charter chest.]

hannem Brogane . . . de una particata terre vocata Blakkis Rude necnon de duobus solidis annui redditus dati per Dominum de Tulideff de uno crofto vocato Swallou Croft Item de sex perticatis terrarum datis per Alexandrum Rolland quarum due jacent in le Holmys super quibus mansus dicti capellani . . . construitur . . . que due perticate soluunt annuatim duos solidos Domino de Tulydeff et duos solidos Johanni Rede de Ranistoun . . . Item de duabus terre particatis in le Holmys . . . Item de duabus rudis . . . datis per nos jacentibus inter le Houmyn land ex australi parte et terras de Foueren ex altera parte . . . una cum pastura sexaginta ouium quatuor vaccarum unius equi et unius jumenti infra pasturam ville de Knokhall eundo et reddeundo totiens quotiens opus fuerit ad mansum . . . dicti capellani . . . Quosquidem annuos redditus et perticatas terrarum una cum predictis salmonibus et animalium predictorum pastura . . . dicte capelle et capellano eiusdem . . . pro nobis et successoribus nostris . . . confirmamus necnon et eundem Dominum Alexandrum Gourlay capellanum dicte capellanie . . . pro toto tempore vite sue ad aliud beneficium seu beneficia cum cura uel sine cura . . . adipiscendum licentiamus sic quod bina vice in omni ebdomida singulis annis missa cum diuinis seruiciis prout iuris ordo requirit in dicta capella pro nobis et antecessoribus nostris et successoribus celebretur per ipsum seu per alium capellanum nomine suo tantummodo . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum huic presenti scripto nostro est appensum apud Newburgh penultimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto .

Vilyam Master of Cattness
and of Newbrugh.

Letter of reversion on the half fishing of the Crukyt Fuyrd.¹ —(A.D. 1476.)

Be it kend til al men be thir present lettres ws Williame Erle of Erole lorde Hay and constabil of Scotland . . . oblissis ws oure ayris and as-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Udney charter chest.

In the year 1498, William, Earl of Erroll, granted a charter of his fishings of the Nether

signais til a nobil man Williame Sincler maister of Catnes and barounē of the Newburgh his ayris and assignais Asforsamekil that the said Wilyam Syncler has sawyld til ws heritably . . . his half fisching of the Crukyt Fuyrd on the watty of Ythane liand in the barouny of Newburgh within the shirefdome of Aberdene as in the chartir made till ws tharuppon mare fullely is contenit Nochtwithstanding that quhat tyme it sal happyn the said William Sincler his ayris or assignais to pay . . . til ws oure ayris or assignais the sowme of ane hundreth markis . . . money of Scotland . . . apon Sanct Nicholes altare of Aberdene on fourty dayis warning . . . than . . . we oure ayris or assignais . . . sal frely resigne . . . the forsaid fisching with the pertinentis to the said Wilyam Sincler his ayris or assignais . . . In witnes of the quhilk thing to thir present letters oure seil is appensit At Aberdene the nynt day of Januar the yer of God a thousand foure hundreth sevinty and sex yeris .

*Confirmatio regia Jacobo Ogilvy de Deskfurde militi.*¹ —(A.D. 1478.)

Apud Edinburghe, xv. Aprilis. j^m. cccc. lxxviii . Rex confirmavit cartam Willelmi de Sancto Claro domini baronie de Neuburghe [in qua cum consensu Cristiane sponse sue vendidit et alienavit Jacobo Ogilvy de Deskfurde militi heredibus suis et assignatis piscarias suas superioris partis aque de Ithane infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene incipiendo a le Macharfurde et abhinc usque ad le Sakfurd de Fivv ascendendo absque interruptione pro certa summa pecunie persoluta . Tenendas de supremo domino Rege in feodo . Testibus Domino Willelmo episcopo Moraviensi Stephano Lokart Thoma Ogilvy Johanne Wod et David Chawmer notariis publicis cum hac subscriptione ' William Sinclar barovne of ye Newburghe.' Apud Edinburghe, vi. Marcii . j^m. cccc. lxxvij.] Salvis Regi juribus et serviciis .

Water of Ythane and Crukitfurde, "a le lyne de Machar Furde usque ad mare discendentes," and of the mill of Newburgh, to his younger son John Hay, to be held fen for yearly payment of sixteen merks Scots: "coram nobilibus et prouidis viris Johanne Oliphant milite fillo et herede apparente Domini de Oliphant Willelmo Hay fillo et herede apparente Willelmi Hay de Locheloy" et aliis testibus.—(Original in the Udney charter chest.)]

¹ [From the *Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli*, lib. viii., no. 89, MS Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

Confirmatio regia Patricio Gordoune de Methlik. ¹ — (A.D. 1487.)

Apud Edinburghe, x. Julii . j^m. cccc. lxxxvii . Rex confirmavit cartam Willelmi de Sancto Claro et baronis de Newburghe [in qua cum consensu Cristine Leslie sponse sue vendidit et alienavit Patricio Gordoune de Methlik heredibus suis et assignatis terras de Archadlie in baronia de Newburghe infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene cum parte piscarie aque de Ithane eisdem de jure pertinente et cum superioritate annui redditus centum solidorum Domino de Forbes de eisdem debiti pro quadam certa summa pecunie persoluta . Tenendas de Rege in feodo . Testibus Waltero Ogilvy de Auchlevin Johanne Ogilvy Willelmo Wysman Alexandro Sanguhare Johanne Bannerman Andrea Cantuly Gilberto Smyt Dominis Roberto Leis et Johanne Strivelin presbyteris ac notariis publicis cum hac subscriptione 'Williame Lord Synclare.' xiiij. Julii . j^m. cccc. lxxxvij.] Salvis Regi vardis etc. Testibus Willelmo episcopo Abirdonensi Colino comite de Ergile Andrea domino Avandale Johanne domino Bothuile Willelmo domino Borthwik Johanne domino Carlile Magistris David Levingtoun Archibaldo Quhitlaw Domino Alexandro Scot .

Letre of assignatioun of the Lord Sinclar for the redemptioun of the twa Haddochis. ² — (A.D. 1487.)

Be it kend til al men me Willeam lord Sinclair til have mad constitut and ordanit a nobil and mighty lord Wilyeam erl of Erol lord Hay and Constabil of Scotland my very lauchful undubtit and irrevocabil assignay to freth redeme and quit the landis of Mekil Hathdois and Litle Hathdois liand in the schirefdom of Abirden out of the handis of James of Panton / the Meikle Hathdois wedset for nyn score of merkis and the Litle Hathdois for sex score of merkis / after the tenor of the reversionys of the samin / and al vthir landis of myn within the baronie of Newburgh in whatsumever menys handis thai be in to redeme and efter the redemp-

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. x., no. 98, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

tioun of the said landis to bruke and joyse tham in fe and heretage rycht as it war myself in propir persoun. In witnes herof to thir my letres of assignatioun my seele is appensit at Dundee the penult day of the moneth of September in the yeir of God a thousand four hundreth auchty and sevin yeirs beffor thir witnes Magnus Sinclar my son Anton Keyth John Keyth Schir John Sym preist and Schir Alexander Forfar preist and nottar with vtheris sindry.

Inquisicio Henrici domini Sinclar. ¹—(A.D. 1505.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene decimo quarto die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quarto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watertone vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Aberdene in curia vicecomitis eiusdem pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Gilbertum Hay de Ardendraugh Johannem Chene de Essilmond milites Willelmum Craufurd de Federay Alexandrum Jhonstone de eodem Alexandrum Skene de eodem Willelmum Turing de Foverne Georgium Lesly de eodem Andream Tulideff de eodem Willelmum Oudny de eodem Willelmum Blakhale de eodem Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Alexandrum Wentone de Andait Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Alexandrum Cowtis de Ochtercoule Alexandrum Gordone de Kinnerty Johannem Dawgernone de Fyntra Thomam Burnat de Gask Johannem Gardin de Latheris et Willelmum Blakhale de Bourty Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Willelmus dominus Sinclar pater Henrici domini Sinclar latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de baronia de Newburgh cum tenentibus tenendrijs et libere tenentium seruiciis ac piscariis aquarum de Ythane dicte baronie pertinentibus Et de villa de Newburgh in baronia burgagia cum suis pertinentiis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Henricus est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti

¹ [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, vol. i., MS.]

The claim upon which this inquest proceeds excepts from the above barony and fishings the lands of Archaidly and the water belonging to them, and five pounds of annual rent in the hands of Patry Gordone of Medleche, exigible out of the upper fishing of the water of Ythane, belonging to Sir James Ogilvy of Deskfurde, knight. The lands are stated to be then worth forty pounds, and to have been worth fifteen pounds in time of peace.—(Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen, vol. II., MS.)]

quondam Willelmi patris sui . . . Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicta baronia cum tenentibus tenendriis libere tenentium seruiciis piscarie et villa de Newburgh cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum quinquaginta marcas et valuerunt viginti libras tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de suppremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium warde et relevij Et nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per spacium trium annorum et dimidij anni per decessum quondam Cristine Lesly sponse quondam dicti Willelmi domini Sinclar sasinam et possessionem earundem habentis ratione coniuncte infeodacionis in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis .

Decreet on the recognition of the third part of the lands of Newburgh. ¹
—(A.D. 1506.)

At Edinburgh the xiiii. day of December the yere of God m. vth and sax yeris In presens of the Lordis of Counsaill vnderwrittin . . . Williame bischope of Abirdene Andro bischope of Murray Johne bischope of Ros David bischope of Ergile . . . Archibald erle of Ergile Maister Gawane Dunbar archidene of Sanctandrous and clerk of the registre Mastir Patrick Panteir secretare and Mastir Richart Lausoune of Hieriggis comperit ane venerabill fadre in God James abbot of Dunfermling thesaurare till oure Souerane Lord and Maistir James Hendersoune aduocate till his Hienes and grauntit that the third part of the laundis of Nowburgh pertaining to Alexander Lord Erskin is nocht recognist nor aucht nocht to fall under the recognitioune maid be oure Souerane Lord apoune the barony of Newburgh becaus thai haue sene ane sufficient chartir vnder the grete sele berande the said third part of Newburgh with the pertinentis pertaining now to the said Lorde Erskin is annext with the laundis of Kelly in ane barony of the date of King Robert at Edinburgh the xviii day of Marche the yere of his regnne the xxii.

Extractum de Libro Actorum per me Magistrum Gavinum Dunbar archidiaconum Sanctiandree clericum rotulorum registri ac consilii . . . sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus .

Gavinus Dunbar .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Udny charter chest.]

*Inquisitio Alexandri Ogiluy.*¹ —(A.D. 1510.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Aberdene nono die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo coram nobili magnifico et potente domino Willelmo comite de Erroll domino le Hay ac Constabulario Scocie et Alexandro Bannerman de Watertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Aberdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedentibus per subscriptos videlicet nobilem dominum Johannem dominum Forbes Alexandrum Irvin de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillortht Gilbertum Hay de Ardenderaugh milites Georgium Meldrum de Fyvy Johannem Forbes de Petslego Patricium Berclay de Garntuly Georgium Gordone de Abiryeldy Willelmum Forbes de Towys Willelmum Craufurd de Federay Walterum Berclay de Towy Willelmum Lesly de Balquhane Thomam Fraser de Stanywod Patricium Steuart de Latheris et Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyuer Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Jacobus Ogiluy de Deskfurd miles auus Alexandri Ogiluy latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de omnibus et singulis piscariis superioris partis aque de Ythane cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum de Abirdene incipientibus a le Macharfurd et abhinc vsque ad le Sakfurd de Fyvy ascendentibus absque interruptione Et quod dictus Alexander est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam Jacobi aui sui de dictis piscariis cum pertinentiis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte piscarie cum pertinentiis valent nunc per annum centum marcas Et valuerunt viginti libras tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium warde et releuij Et nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis legitime per seipsum per decessum dicti quondam Jacobi aui sui per spacium septem ebdomidarum aut eocirca in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis .

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the first day of October in the same year, Margaret Chamer, widow of the deceased Sir James Ogiluy of Deskfurd, knight, had her terce adjudged to her out of the same fishings. (Ibid.)]

Lettre from Schir Robert Egew chaipplan to my Lord Sinclar.¹ —(A.D. 1511.)

Jhesus Maria . My Lord I commend my seruice rycht hartlie to your Lordschipe Emplensis the samyn remember your Lordschipe directit with me ane memoriall chargeand me to sell your vittall on the Knokhall one the hasteast wyiss and for reddy monee and finalie to do with it as it wer myn avin . My Lord I haue castin of aitis als mekill as is ane chaldar of meile and bot gif I will sell the said meile to dais I can nocht get of hand siluer for the boll iiij schillingis and will I sell it to Martymes I will gett for the boll v schillingis vi peneyis . And sua gif your Lordschipe will tak sic tinsale betuix hand siluer and sa litile first your Lordschipe may aduert me again with the berer and your command sal be done . Your Lordschipe knavis that ther is nocht ane servand in the Knokhall that aw seruice to your Lordschipe sene tha ar fermouris and the toune sett in steilboo and thai haue samekill wark ado of thair avin about the labouring of that toune to pay thair ferme that I ame rycht evill taryit to get men to threiss the cornne and mar taryit to myll it and kill it . The wedder hes been sua this thre wolkis in this cuntre that a man mycht nocht do na thing for weit . Ther wes nocht slane in the watter of Ythane this xiiii. dais by gain ij. salmound . it has bene euer sa gret ane spait . And sa gif euer your Lordschipe thinkis to gett reddy monee or ony price for wittall in thir partis ye man sett it to a man wnder ane sovme that he may sell it to ane day and mak monee of it for the siluer is nocht wer to gett in Orknay and Scheitland thane it is in Buchane . Item quhar your Lordschipe bad me by ij. barrell salmound ane for meit fische the tothir for Patrik Douglass tha ar sa pouer indigent bodyis that all the salmound thai may gett ar fornalit that be consciens I cutht nocht gett ane to by and I wald haue gevin twiss the availe of it . Nochttheless it is better gar Patrik Douglass speid him hidder and he salbe outred and all diligens don to gett the meit fische . Item anent bying of somer quhittingis thai ar also deir in this cuntre as in Disert . i^o of thaim will cost threty penneyis . The quhit fische ar gain of the cost . Gif your Lordschipe plesis that I by of thaim send me word .

¹ [From the original in the Uduy charter chest]

Item anent the vij. pundis aucht be Patrik Leslie he hes send his writ-
ingis heir to your Lordschipe and sais that he aw nocht i. penney bot vi.
pundis and xii. penneyis . He had the copy of his obligatioune that your
Lordschipe hes writin within his avin compt buk and that buyr that he is
nocht awan bott vi. pundis and xij. penneyis . Your Lordschipe man lay
our again his obligatioune mair tentyvie and send me vord quhat I sale
do tharto for I wald nocht tak fra him na brokin compt bot as your me-
moriale buyr And sa it restis yeit in his handis .

Item anent the Shireffs maile and the payment tharof he hes send his
Mar with ane precept and arrestit the annuall of the Newburgh aucht to the
Lord Arskin in the tenandis handis of the terme of Wittsonday last bygain
and for the terme of Martimess to cum for dettis aucht to him be the
Lord Arskin and thinkis that the said annuale sale outred his maile or it
gang out of the tenandis handis and sais that he sall spek with your Lord-
schipe tharapoun for he is cumin to the country . Item gif your Lordschipe
wald haue the tend cornne of the Knokhall ye may tak it at the Shiref
for he will nocht sett it to me in your behalf . It war gud to tak it at
him and to be full hand and win with him for he is rycht laytht to twynn
without that he gettis in his handis and gif he will nocht sett his tend to
your Lordschipe he sould nocht gett na sett of your fischingis .

Item thar wilbe of tendit woll this yeir of your schipe fyve stane . It
will gif ilk stane vij. schillingis and that is ane gud price for Buchane woll
considering the ter that is in it . Item the Mussilsyll and the Linkis ar
kepit richt weill . Ther wilbe our mony cunninggis within twa yeir .
thai haue riddillit all the erdis of the Linkis richt weille . Item the
tenand that tuk the myll enterit with hyr at Wittsonday and scho man
haue ane new stwle and hyr houss man be biggit and your Lordschipe
sould vphald the stull and big the houss . The stull will haue vij.
aikin schilliss . and ther man be preuidit and gottin incontinent for the
stull that scho hes is all rottin and will nocht ber ane myll stane . Ilk
schile man be xiiii. fut lang . and quhat your Lordschipe wile do herto
empress send ansuer .

Item quhair ther wes maid inhibitioune in ane heid court that na in-
duelleris of the Newburgh sould wynn fouell . as the said inhibicioun beiris
and instrumentis tharapoune . the said induelleris nocht the less and ilk
ane of thaim hes castin batht pettis turffis and dailie ledand away . Gif

your Lordschipe wald haue the namis of thaim this berer can gif tham up and thai ar rycht weile fortifyit tharto be thar masteris that aw the land . Item ane of your fermouris callit Thome Murray in the Knokhall hes lyin curst and denuncit out of this kirk this iii. wolkis for Henry Leskis ox siluer and makis ane rycht hevy main that he sould be sa lang wnder the sentenss for ony ger tane to your Lordschipe . Thome of Lesk grantis that he gef him up in his compt one pait and that he will neuer pay him bot giff he gett payment and Thome Murray is rycht evile done to . Your Lordschipe man find sum way to causs the ox be pait or thane writt to the Commissar of Abirdene to essolve the man . And gif your Lordschipe thinkis mervaille that I send na ansuer soner ther wes nocht a persoun in all the baronry of the Newburgh that wald cum to your Lordschipe for na kynd of fee except John Blak and that wald nocht cum without I had giffin to him v schillingis to his expenssis and als mekill for his travall and sua I behuvit to send this boy in falt of ane vder and hes gevin to him to mak his expenssis cumand iij schillingis. And as for tythingis thar occurris nocht mony in thir partis . My Lord Huntlie is your mayche . he hes had the Lady of Ardendrachtis dochter to Strabogy with him and sa I send nocht the schaving clatht nor your armiss becauss I cuth nocht gett thaim bot I haue send your Lordschipe writing to the Lady Arden-dracht . For God saik hast the boy again togidder witht Patrik Douglass for his salmound . And the Halie Rud conserue in prosperite your Lordschipes noble Lordschipe . At your honoris desyr writin of the Newburgh in Buchan one Furisday the vij. day of August the yeir of God m. v^o and xi. yeris be your seruitour and chaiplann .

Schir Robert Egew .

[*In dorso*] To my Lord Sinclar etc. etc.

This come fra Sir Robert Ego in August anno etc. v^o. and xi. yeris and the ansuer herof past agayne with the barar his boy . And remembir that thair is douttis of law to be sperit in Edinburgh for iniuris and breking of restis be the tenaudis

This is the copy of the set of the mylne of Newburgh till Henry Martyne.¹—(A.D. 1512.)

This is the condicioun maid betuix Henry lord Sinclar baroun of the Newburgh in Buchane and my seruand Henry Martyne duelland at my myln of Newburgh quhilk he has in tak anentis the bigin and wphaldin of the said mylne quhat I sall do for my part and quhat he sall do for his pairt The quhilk is in this wiss as efter folowis that is to say that I for my pairt sall mak and wphald the haill stule the spout and the troich alanerly . And the said Henry Martyne myllar sall mak and wphald for his pairt all uther graith and gangand geir that pertenis to the said mylne guid stark and sufficient batht quhelys stanis trynnillis irne and ty[mmyr] ganis for the ganging of the said mylne and sall wphald the samyn all tyme that he is wytht the said mylne And forthir I the said Lord for my pairt sall causs the sukkyne of all the barony to cum to the said mylne And alsua sall causs the sukkyne of the said barony till wphald the hoppar to draw stane and tre and to big the mylne houss and dur tharof and red the dame as it nedis And thir thingis abone writtin the said men of the barony sall do that all sukkyne gif it be the use of the cuntre and thar det till do of lawe And in the meyntym the said Henry Martyne sall big apone my cost the said mylne stul and all vther thingis that pertenis to my pairt And na tre to be put in the said stule bot new aik a large fute of the squar quhen it is dychtit. And alsua he sall big a mylne houss of new tymmyr twa cuppillis xxiiij. fute lang and xvi. fute wyid of the quhilk houss I sall mak the first cost and pament quhill I get pament fra the men of the sukkyne and siclik I sall bring hame the stanis on their expenssis And quhat cost the said myllar makis in ony thing that pertenis to my pairt or thar pairt that aw the sukkyne I sall allow that till him and his male . And alsua gif the men of the Newburgh faillis in ony thing that thai aucht till do to the said mylne as anentis the bigin of the houss the drawin of stane or tre and redding of the said dame thane thai sall pay to him in multir the xiiij. pek as the auld use has bene And herfor . . . commandis all tennentis

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Udney charter chest.]

and inhabitantis within my said barony that thai . . . cum with thar sukkyne to my said mylne and alsua . . . do and pay till hir all thar uther lauchfule dettis as is abone [writtin] with all the charge that efter may folow on the lawe Writtin vnder my sign [and] subscriptioun at my Castell of Ravinniscrage the penult day of the moneth of Julij the yeir of God M. v^{co} and xij. yeris .

*Confirmatio Regis Willelmo domino Sinclare ejusque sponse.*¹—(A.D. 1524.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem Sciatis nos cum . . . consensu carissimi consanguinei et tutoris nostri Johannis ducis Albanie regni nostri . . . gubernatoris dedisse . . . dilect[o] nostr[o] consanguineo Willelmo domino Sinclare et Elizabeth Keth sponse sue et ipsorum alteri diutius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione et heredibus suis subscriptis . . . terras et baroniam de Newburgh cum piscariis earundem super aqua de Ithane ac . . . donatione capellanie capelle de Newburgh . . . et suis pertinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene . . . Tenendas . . . dictis Willelmo domino Sinclare et Elizabeth sponse sue et ipsorum alteri diutius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Willelmi quibuscunque de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate ac libera baronia imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris . . . seruitia . . . debita et consueta . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendissimo reuerendisq[ue] in Christo patribus Jacobo Sanctiandree archiepiscopo cancellario nostro Gawino episcopo Abirdonensi nostrorum rotulorum registri et consilii clerico David episcopo Candidecase nostreque capelle regie Striuelingensis dilectis consanguineis nostris Jacobo comite Aranie . . . Colino comite de Ergile . . . Hugone comite de Eglington . . . venerabilibus in Christo patribus Johanne priore co-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Udry charter chest.]

clesie metropolitane Sanctiandree Georgio abbate monasterii nostri Sancte Crucis prope Edinburgh nostri secreti sigilli custode et dilecto familiari nostro Magistro Johanne Campbell thesaurario nostro apud Edinburgh decimo septimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo quarto et regni nostri undecimo .

Preceptum regium ad dandum sasinam tertie partis terrarum de Newburgh.¹ —(A.D. 1533.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum vicecomiti et balliuis suis de Abirdene necnon dilectis nostris Georgio Sinclar Andree Turing . . . vicecomitibus nostris de Abirdene . . . Quia dedimus . . . hereditarie dilecto consanguineo nostro Willelmo domino Sinclar et Elizabeth Keith eius coniugi et eorum alteri diutius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione et hereditibus suis totam et integram tertiam partem terrarum de Newburgh cum pertinentiis jacentem in baronia de Kellie per annexationem infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene Quequidem tertia pars fuit consanguinei nostri Johannis domini Erskin perprius hereditarie et quam idem . . . in manibus nostris apud Striueling . . . simpliciter resignavit . . . Vobis precipimus . . . quatinus dicto . . . Willelmo domino Sinclar et Elizabeth Keith eius coniugi . . . vel suis certis attornatis . . . [sasinam] . . . tertie partis terrarum suprascriptarum . . . iuste haberi faciatis . . . Datum sub testimonio magni sigilli nostri apud Striueling decimo quinto die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo tercio et regni nostri vicesimo .

Grant to Alexander Udney of that Ilk.¹ —(A.D. 1685.)

At Edinburgh the sixteenth day of June one thousand six hundred fourscore fyve years. Our Sovereigne Lord . . . with the advyce and consent of the Estates of Parliament presently assembled GIVES and GRANTS to . . . Alexander Udney of that Ilk his heirs and successors TWO FREE

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Udny charter chest.]

FAIRES in the year the first to be holdin upon the third Tuesday of Apryle and the second on the second Tuesday of October at the . . . toune of Newburgh and each of the saids faires to continow for the space of three dayes with a weekly merkate on Thursday there And sicklyke gives and grants to the said Alexander Udney ane other yearly fair at the Kirk-toune of Udney upon the third Tuesday of September and to continow for the space of three dayes foresaid Together with the hail tolls customs and casualties of the saids three frie faires and weekly merkatts aforesaid and all such priviledges and immunities as are granted to his Majestys other subjects upon the like ocasioness . . . Extracted furth of the Records and Registers of Parliament by us George Viscount of Tarbat etc. Clerk to his Majesty's Councill Registers and Rolls .

Tarbat, Cler. Reg^r.

Carta Alexandri Cumyn comitis de Buchan Fergusio de Fothess.¹—
(A.D. 1240–A.D. 1289.)

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris vel audituris Alexander Cumyn comes de Buchan salutem . . . Nouerit universitas vestra nos dedisse . . . et . . . confirmasse Fergusio filio Johannis de Fothess totum et integrum tenementum de Fothess per suas rectas diuisas et cum omnibus suis pertinentiis in bosco et plano in pratis et pascuis in bracinis et molendinis in bondis et bondagiis natiuis et eorum sequelis et in omnibus . . . customis et aysiamentis . . . Tenendum . . . de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum ita libere . . . sicut aliquis liber homo infra regnum Scocie aliquod tenementum . . . de aliquo comite vel barone tenet . . . Faciendo inde forinsecum seruicium domini Regis quantum pertinet ad tantam terram . et reddendo nobis et heredibus nostris . . . quolibet anno ad festum Pentecostes [dimidiam libram] cere pro omni seruicio seculari . . . seu demandis que a nobis uel ab heredibus nostris exigi poterint in futurum . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum nostrum est appensum . hiis testibus . Domino Willelmo Cumyn fratre nostro iuniore Johanne Cumyn filio nostro seniore Philippo de

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Castle Forbes.]

Feodarg Roberto de Walchopp Jacobo de Lascellis Huctredo senescallo nostro Johanne de Kyndrocht Philippo de Lambertun Morgundo capellano et multis aliis .

Confirmatio regia Priori et Conventui Fratrum Predicatorum burgi de Abirdene.¹—(A.D. 1477.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxx. Septembris . j^m. cccc. lxxvij . Rex in honorem Dei et Sancti Johannis Baptiste patroni ecclesie Fratrum Predicatorum burgi de Abirdene ratificavit et ad manum mortuam confirmavit concessionem per predecessores suos ac diversos suos ligeos factas Priori et Conventui dictorum Fratrum in perpetuam elimosinam . videlicet . Mortificavit etc. situacionem loci ecclesie et maneriorum dictorum Fratrum ac bondas et limites dicti loci . Ut etiam donacionem illam eis factam per clericum Regis Magistrum Ricardum Forbes decanum Abirdonensem de annuo redditu decem librarum de terris de FuthesBeg et FuthesMore ac molendino earundem quibus deficientibus de dominio de Futhes infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene per dictum Magistrum Ricardum in excambium habitis et quesitis a Willelmo domino Forbes et per Regem prius confirmatam . Quam donacionem non obstante ultima sua generali revocatione de donacionibus in sua minori etate factis nunc in perfecta etate constitutus de novo confirmavit . Ut etiam mortificavit donacionem et fundacionem Priori et Conventui factas de viginti sex mercis annui redditus per Alexandrum et Robertum Scotorum Reges de firmis ac minutis custumis ac molendinis de Abirdene . Ut etiam donacionem eis factam per David Scotorum Regem de centum solidis annui redditus de terris de Banchry Deveny . Ut etiam donaciones eis ex devocione per diversos suos ligeos factas . videlicet . de quatuor solidis crofte de Colly quadraginta solidis de terris de Creichtmont triginta solidis per Comitem de Eroll . de duodecim solidis de terris de Inveroury et Newburghe . et de quadraginta solidis per Dominum

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. viii., no. 26, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

In the year 1491, decree was given by the Lords Auditors of Causes against Arthur Lord Forbes, for payment to William, bishop of Aberdeen, of the second teind of the lands of Drummenour and Fudass, "because the kyrk of Auld Aberdene is feft of the tend peny of all wardis and relevis of the saide landis." (Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 326.)]

Forbes in Inveroury . et de tresdecim solidis quatuor denariis per Willelmum Cantely in Inveroury . et de quadraginta solidis per Jonetam dominam de Frendracht de terris de Murestoun de Forge . et de quinque solidis de orreo Alexandri Cassy . Necnon de domibus et terris subscriptis infra burgum de Abirdene ex annuis redditibus sequentibus . videlicet . de decem solidis domus Gilberti Lochi . de quatuor solidis cujusdam piastrine . de duobus solidis domus Ricardi Cullane . de sex solidis octo denariis domus Johannis Duncanesoun . de sex solidis octo denariis cujusdam domus occupate per Alanum Smytht . de duobus solidis domus David Kintore . de sex solidis domus Willelmi Loremayre . de decem solidis terre Johannis Roberti . tresdecim solidis quatuor denariis terre Patricii Smytht . de sex solidis cujusdam bothe occupate per Thomam Quhit . duobus solidis sex denariis domus occupate per Thomam Lorymayre . de quinque solidis domus occupate per Michaellem Ranyoun . de viginti solidis domus David de Stannan-tanis . de viginti solidis domus Thome Prat . de tresdecim solidis quatuor denariis domus occupate per Laurencium Smytht . de quinque solidis unius domus prope le Key . de octo solidis domus Johannis Andree . de quinque solidis domus Alexandri Blindsele . de sex solidis octo denariis domus occupate per Alexandrum Alanesoun . viginti sex solidis octo denariis dimidie rethis de le Raik . de viginti sex solidis octo denariis molendini vulgariter dicti Justis Myl . de quinque solidis cujusdam domus [in] le Grene . de sex solidis octo denariis domus in Vico Castri . Ut etiam donaciones prius factas de croftis et rigis arabilibus subscriptis . videlicet . de una crofta ante locum dictorum Fratrum et Conventus . ac de duabus le rigis in Futhy . ac de una crofta nuncupata Fil the Cop . de una riga nuncupata Langrige ac aliis duabus le riggis prope le Langrig . et de una riga ex boreali parte Lacus occupata per Michaellem Fichet . et de una riga occupata per Alexandrum Menzeis . et de una riga occupata per Alexandrum Howisoun . et de una crofta occupata per Angusium Adamsoun . et de una vasta perticata terre subtus Montem Castri . et de duabus croftis in Kintore . et de uno annuo reddito duorum solidorum crofte in Ellein . Ut etiam omnes alias concessiones dictis Priori et Conventui factas . Tenenda dictis Priori etc. et eorum successoribus in dicta ecclesia divina celebraturis in puram elimosinam ac ad manum mortuam . Salvis Regi et successoribus oracionum suffragiis devotarum tantum . Testibus Johanne episcopo

Glasguensi Willelmo episcopo Moraviensi secreti sigilli custode Thoma episcopo Abirdonensi Andrea domino Avandale cancellario Colino comite de Ergile David comite de Craufurde domino Lyndesay Jacobo domino Hammyltoun Johanne de Culquhounne de eodem milite Magistris Archibaldo Qubitlaw archidiacono Laudonie secretario et Alexandro Inglise cancellario Aberdonensi clerico rotulorum et registri .

Confirmatio regia Johanni domino Forbes ejusque sponse. ¹—(A.D. 1510.)

Apud Edinburghe : xxvi. Februarii . j^m. cccc. ix. . Rex confirmavit Johanni domino Forbes et Cristine Lundin ejus sponse et eorum alteri diacius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et post eorum decessus legitimis et propinquiorebus heredibus dicti Johannis quibuscunque terras et baroniam de Fudes infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas idem Johannes resignavit .

Obligation anent the lands of Cultercullane and Pettemwk. ²—(A.D. 1530.)

Obligation by William Leslie of Balquhane to Johnne lord Forbess who had infeft him in the lands of Cultercullane and Pettemwk and in twenty-four shillings of annual rent furth of the alehouse of Fudess in fulfilment of a decreet arbitral given at Aberdeen on the 11th of February 1527 and registered in the books of Council and Session ; and for security and keeping kindness and eschewing of trubliiss and inconvenientis to ryss betuix them : the said lands and annual rent to remain with the said William Leslie " gif the said Johnne lord Forbess or ony wthir of his pairt takkaris or assistaris makis ony new braik or dois ony harm to me my sone othiris of our pairt takkaris or assistaris ;" and if the doer of the skaith be not delivered up to the law within forty dayis or fugitate, in that case the said Lord his pairt takers and assisters " sall hald him

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xv., no. 172, 199, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Noted from the original in the charter chest at Castle Forbes.]

perpetually out of thair rowmiss and bundis and treulye assist and tak pairt with me my pairt takkaris and assistaris that gettis the skaith faithfully but fraude or gyle and never to help the faltar in the law nor by the law quhilk gif they do not the said landis to be brukit be me my airis and assigneis as said is : " the said William Leslie binding himself notwithstanding his infetment in the lands to take up no profit of them till the fault be made, but all mails and profits to remain with the Lord Forbes as the decreet arbitral and charter made thereon more fully bear : witnesses George earl of Huntlie, Robert abbot of Kinloss, Alexander Irwin of Drum knight, Gilbert Keyth of Trowpe, Johne Gordoune of Potare, Alexander Gordone of Strathdowne : the judges arbiters, John lord Erskin, Archibald of Douglace of Kilspindie treasurer to the King, William Scot of Balvery knight, Gilbert Keith of Trowpe, and Walter Scot : At Aberdeen, xxii. February, j^m. ccccc. xxix. .

Excerpt from the Rental of the Lordship of Forbes.¹ —(A.D. 1552.)

F U D E S.

* *Fudes Moir*, 4 ploughs, 6 tenants. Rent £21 6s. 8d. ; 18 bolls victual, 48 capons, 1 custom cow, 8 wedders, 8 leits of peats, or their value at 2s. each in my Lord's will. Grassum £21 6s. 8d.

Cultircullane, 4 ploughs, 8 tenants. Rent £21 6s. 8d. ; 18 bolls victual, 48 capons, 1 custom cow, 8 wedders, 8 leits of peats, valued at 2s. each. Grassum £21 6s. 8d.

Fudes beg, 3½ ploughs, 4 tenants. Rent £28 ; 13½ bolls victual, 6 wedders, 6 leits of peats, at 2s. each. Grassum £28.

Mill and mill lands, 1 plough, 1 tenant. Rent £5 6s. 8d. ; 4½ bolls victual, 2 wedders, 24 capons, 1 swine worth 20s., 2 leits peats, at 2s. each. Grassum £5 6s. 8d.

¹ [Noted from the original in the charter chest at Castle Forbes.]

The Ailthous, 1 plough, 1 tenant. Rent £5 6s 8d.; 4½ bolls victual, 2 wedders, 24 capons, 2 leits of peats. Grassum £5 6s. 8d.

Blarequhelle, 1 plough, 1 tenant. Rent £5 6s. 8d.; 4½ bolls victual, 2 wedders, 12 capons, 2 leits of peats. Grassum £5 6s. 8d.

Petteмуick, 1 plough, 1 tenant. Rent £5 6s. 8d.; 4½ bolls victual, 2 wedders, 12 capons, 2 leits of peats. Grassum £5 6s. 8d. (The four last named jointly pay a custom cow.)

Auchnacant, 2 ploughs, 1 tenant. Rent £20. Grassum £20.

Archedlie, pays yeirlie to my Lord £5 annuale.

Monkishill, 3 ploughs, 2 tenants. Money rent paid to the Convent of Deer; to my Lord, 27 bolls victual, 3 leits of peats. Grassum 20 merks.

Carta feodifirme Willelmo domino de Forbes ejusque sponse.¹—(A.D. 1554.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Robertus permissione diuina commendatarius monasterii de Deir necnon conuentus eiusdem . . . [Noueritis nos] . . . ad feodifirmam . . . perpetuam dimisisse . . . nobili et potenti domino Willelmo domino de Forbes et Elizabet Keytht eius sponse eorundem alteri diutius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione et heredibus masculis inter eosdem legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus masculis ipsius Willelmi et assignatis quibuscunque . . . terras nostras de Fechill et Monkishill cum pertinen-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Udry charter chest

On the twenty-first day of March, 1554-5, William earl Marschell granted to William lord Forbes and his spouse, and their heirs above written, his lands of Lauchintuly and Tulibyn in his barony of Kyntolr, in warrandice of the above lands of Fechquhill and Monkishill, which he declared were feued as above by his means and for his money. The charter is signed at Aberdeen before William master of Marschell, Patrick Forbes of Coras, Mr. Mathew Lumisdene of Tullycarne, and other witnesses. (Id.)]

tiis jacentes in dominio nostro de Deir et infra vicecomitatum de Abir-
dene et hoc propter . . . beneficia nobis multipliciter impensa . . . per
nobilem et prepotentem dominum Willelmum comitem Mariscalli . . .
nomine et ex parte dictorum Willelmi domini de Forbes et Elizabet eius
sponse . . . except[a] tamen et reseruat[a] . . . nobis et successoribus
nostris . . . una petia terre tam in terris de Fechill quam Monkishill
extendente ad quantitatem unius orti et horrii sufficientis . . . desuper
edificiend[i] in loco congruo pro decimis garbalibus nostre parochie de
Fowerne desuper collegendis . . . Tenendas . . . in feodifirma . . .
et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et
successoribus nostris . . . Commendatariis et conuentui de Deir . . . pro
terris de Fechill cum pertinentiis octuaginta bollas victualium . . . suf-
ficientium de quibus quinquaginta duas bollas farrine auenitice viginti
quatuor bollas ordii et quatuor bollas frumenti annuatim soluendas . . .
in hospitio seu manso nostro de Fowerne infra festa Sancti Martini in
hyeme et Pascatis viginti quatuor capones viginti quatuor lie pultre qua-
tuor arietes necnon pro aueragiis carriagiis et bondagiis duos solidos una-
cum quatuor solidis in augmentationem nostri rentalis Et pro dictis terris
de Monkishill viginti bollas victualium sufficientium de quibus decem
bollas farrine auenitice octo bollas ordii duas bollas frumenti et octo
merc[as] . . . monete Scotie huiusmodi victualia annuatim . . . soluenda in
dicto nostro manso de Fowerne infra festa suprascripta et huiusmodi octo
merc[as] unacum duobus solidis pro aueragiis carriagiis et bondagiis . . .
Et quilibet heres ipsius Willelmi in suo primo anno introitus ad easdem
nostras terras . . . dictam feodifirmam duplicabit et iuramentum fide-
litatis seu homagii nobis et successoribus nostris prestabit orthodoxam
seu catholicam fidem nos et successores nostros . . . nostras possessiones
. . . defendat prout congruit vassallo Necnon tres sectas ad tria nostra
placita capitalia seu curias nostras dominii de Deir annuatim prestabit
. . . In cuius rei testimonium huic carte nostre manu nostra subscripte
apud ciuitatem Parisiensem duodecimo die mensis Februarii anno Domini
millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo tertio coram testibus Magistris
Joanne Lesly canonico Aberdonensi Willelmo Hay rectore de Idwy et
Jacobo Annand cum diuersis aliis sigillum etiam commune dicti nostri
monasterii unacum subscriptionibus manualibus conuentus est appensum
apud dictum nostrum monasterium de Deir decimo octauo die mensis

**Mai anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo quarto coram
testibus Magistris Joanne Melwin Georgio Myddiltoun et Alexandro
Quhytt . cum diuersis aliis . . .**

Ita est Magister Willelmus Hay	Robertus commendatarius de Deir
testis . . .	manu propria
Ita est Magister Jacobus An-	Ego frater Keyd subscribo prior
nand testis . . .	Ego Alexander Scherar subscribo
Ita est Magister Joannes Lesly	Ego frater Duncanus Lownan subscribo
canonicus Aberdonensis tes-	Ego Gilbertus Innes subscribo
tis . . .	Ego Gilbertus Chesolm subscribo
	Ego Willelmus Smytht subscribo
	Ego frater Thomas Weyr subscribo

THE PARISH OF CRUDEN.¹

Provisio pro Johanne Ogilvie de canonicatu de Crowdan.²—(A.D. 1555.)

Paulus episcopus servus servorum Dei . . . dilecto filio Johanni Ogilvie

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 374-387.]

The church of Inuercrudan or Cruden, with its pertinents, was confirmed to the See of Aberdeen by Pope Adrian IV. in the year 1157. (Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i, pp. 6, 85.) It appears as one of the prebends of the cathedral of Saint Machar at Aberdeen in the year 1256: "decima prebenda canonie assignatur totalis ecclesia de Inuercrudane cum omnibus fructibus obuentionibus et ceteris pertinencijs ad eandem spectantibus" (Id., vol. ii, pp. 40, 252.) By the constitutions of Bishop Peter of Ramsay, of the eighteenth of April, 1256, the prebendary of Crwdan was required to find a deacon to serve as his vicar in the cathedral. (Id., vol. ii, pp. 47, 65.)

The church was dedicated to Saint Olave, king and martyr, whose festival was kept, in the Scottish church, on the thirty-first of March. The Aberdeen Almanac for the year 1763 records "St. Oles' fair at Cruden on the first Tuesday of April."

John the son of Uthred gave his lands of Slanys and Cruden to Fergus earl of Buchan, before the year 1214, in exchange for the lands of Fedreth and Ardindrach. (Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 407, 409.)]

² [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

clerico Aberdonensis diocesis . . . Salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem . . . Vite ac morum honestas aliaque laudabilia probitatis et virtutum merita super quibus apud nos fidedigno commendaris testimonio nos inducunt ut illa tibi fauorabiliter concedamus que tuis commoditatibus fore conspiciamus opportuna . . . Cum itaque hodie tu . cui alias tunc ut asserebas in quarto decimo tue etatis anno constituto . felicis recordationis Julius Papa III. predecessor noster de canonicatu ac de Crowdan nuncupata prebenda ecclesie Aberdonensis . tunc per resignationem dilecti filij Johannis Ogilvie per procuratorem suum in manibus dicti predecessoris sponte factam et per eum admissam . apud Sedem Apostolicam vacantibus . provideri ac ut illos recipere et retinere valeres indulgeri sub data tertio Idus Nouembris pontificatus sui anno primo concesserat . concessionem huiusmodi per procuratorem tuum in manibus nostris sponte cesseris . nosque cessionem ipsam admittentes de dictis canonicatu et prebenda adhuc tunc ut prefertur vacantibus et antea dispositioni Apostolice reservatis eidem Johanni per alias nostras literas prouiderimus . Nos te a quibusuis excommunicationis suspensionis et interdicti aliisque ecclesiasticis sentencijs absolventes tibi quod dicto Johanne cedente etiam ex causa permutationis vel decedente seu canonicatum et prebendam predictos dimittente vel amittente et illis quovis modo vacantibus liceat tibi ad eosdem . quorum fructus decem et octo librarum sterlingorum valorem annum ut asseris non excedunt . libere habere accessum et ingressum speciali gracia indulgemus . Datum Rome apud Sanctum Petrum anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo quinto . . . septimo Kalendas Junij . . . pontificatus nostri anno primo .

Preceptum domini Pape ad inducendum Johannem Ogilvy in canonicatum ac prebendam de Crowdan.¹ —(A.D. 1555.)

Paulus episcopus servus servorum Dei . . . venerabili fratri Episcopo Pisauriensis et dilectis filijs Precentori Moraviensis ac Subdecano Rosensis ecclesiarum . . . Salutem et Apostolicam benedictionem . Hodie dilecto filio Johanni Ogilvie canonico Abredonensi canonicatum et de

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

Crowdan nuncupatam prebendam ecclesie Aberdonensis apostolica auctoritate contulimus . Quocirca discretioni vestre per apostolica scripta mandamus quatenus vos per vos vel alios eundem Johannem vel procuratorem suum in corporalem possessionem canonicatus et prebende predictorum inducatis auctoritate nostra et defendatis inductum . Datum Rome apud Sanctum Petrum anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo quinto . septimo Kalendas Junii . pontificatus nostri anno primo .

Resignacio Jonete de Fenton terrarum de Aucheray.¹—(A.D. 1449.)

Nobili et potenti domino Willelmo le Haye Constabulario regni Scocie domino suo singulari . vestra si placeat Joneta de Fenton filia et una heredum quondam Walteri de Fenton de Baky reuerencias omnimodas et honores . Ad resignandum pro me et heredibus meis imperpetuum in manus vestras omnes et singulas terras meas de Auchiry cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas de vobis teneo in capite . nobiles viros Patricium dominum de Glamis / Jacobum de Auchinleck milites / Alexandrum de Nairn de Sandfurd nostros procuratores constituo . Quas etiam terras in manibus vestris simpliciter resigno ita quod vobis liceat de eisdem disponere ad vestre libitum voluntatis . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum / apud Striveline quarto die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo nono .

Instrumentum publicum super resignacione Margarete de Fenton domine de Baky.¹—(A.D. 1461.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno ab

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.

By an indenture of the year 1403, for the partition of certain lands between William of Fentone, lord of that ilk and of Baky, and Margaret of the Ard, lady of Eracles, and Thomas of Chesehelm her son and heir, it was provided that the lands of the two Arkerlis and of the Cragtoun, in the barony of Crouden in Buchan, should belong to William of Fentone. (Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 478, 479. See also pp. 363, 364.)

incarnacione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo mensis vero Marcij die octava in magnifici et potentis domini Domini Wilelmi comitis de Eroll domini le Hay ac Constabularij Scocie meique notarij publici et testium subscriptorum presentijs personaliter constituta honorabilis mulier Margareta de Fenton domina de Baky et una dominarum de Archeriis in sua pura viduitate existens . ex sua spontanea voluntate suam quartam partem omnium et singularum terrarum de Archeriis cum pertinentiis sibi jure hereditario spectantem jacentem in baronia de Slaynis infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene et quam de dicto Domino Comite et barone de Slaynis tenet in capite . in manibus dicti Domini Comitis et baronis de Slaynis tanquam domini sui superioris dictarum terrarum simpliciter resignavit sic quod dicto Domino Comiti et baroni liceat de dictis terris disponere ad sue libitum voluntatis . Acta fuerunt hec in ecclesia Fratrum Predicatorum de Perth presentibus ibidem honorabilibus et providis viris videlicet Patricio de Retre de eodem . Johanne Eliot de Balwoley . Fratre Roberto Chaiklok priore dictorum fratrum de Perth . Symone Lindsay armigero . Johanne de Fotheringhame et Thoma Mulikyn burgensibus burgi de Perth . Roberto Tod presbitero Sancti Andree diocesis notario publico .

Nova infeodatio Willelmi Hay de Dronlaw quarte partis terrarum de Auchiriis. ¹ —(A.D. 1477.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo septimo mensis vero Junij die vicesima . Coram nobili et potenti domino Domino Willelmo de Haia comite de Erol domino le Hay ac Constabulario Scocie meique notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter comparuit nobilis vir Willelmus Hay de Dronlaw sua spontanea voluntate simpliciter resignavit quartam partem terrarum de Achiries cum pertinencijs jacentem in comitatu Buchanie in baronia de Slanys infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene in manibus prefati Domini Comitis de Eroll domini superioris dictarum terrarum ita quod licebit dicto Domino

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

Comiti de eisdem disponere ad sue libitum voluntatis . Qua resignatione facta prefatus Dominus Comes incontinenter donavit predictas terras prefato Willelmo Hay secundum [tenorem] carte sue nove infeodacionis de super confecte . ista resignatione stante in tanto vigore ac si apud castrum de Slaines facta fuisset . Acta erant hec in ecclesia cathedrali Aberdonensi presentibus ibidem nobilibus viris Magistris Gilberto Hay de Ury / Johanne Hay rectore de [Tur]reff / Johanne Hay rectore de Crowden / Ricardo Hay de Carmuck / Magistro Willelmo Donaldi cum multis alijs . Roberto Leis presbitero Aberdonensis diocesis notario publico .

Instrumentum publicum de resignatione Jonete Fentoun super iiij^{ta} parte terrarum de Arquhere. ¹ — (A.D. 1487.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno incarnationis Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo septimo mensis vero Augusti die vicesimo coram nobili et prepotenti domino Willelmo comite de Erole domino le Hay Constabulario Scocie meique notarij publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constituta proba mulier Joneta Fentoun una dominarum de Bakie relicta quondam Willelmi Haket in sua viduitate existens . sua spontanea voluntate totam et integram quartam partem omnium et singularum terrarum de Arquhere jacentem cum pertinencijs in baronia de Slanis infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene in manibus dicti prepotentis domini Willelmi comitis domini sui superioris simpliciter resignavit ita quod liceat dicto prepotenti domino de eisdem disponere ad libitum sue voluntatis . Acta erant hec in capella de Colcuquhir presentibus nobili et potenti domino Laurentio domino le Oliphant . honorabilibus providis et discretis viris Jacobo Oliphant de Arquhalye . Magistro Jacobo Fenton vicario de Tibbermuir . Domino Roberto Spens capellano et Andrea Strauchin cum diuersis alijs . Patricio Bryson presbitero Sancti Andree diocesis notario publico .

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

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instrumentum super excambio quarte partis de Achiriis pro Emreis Landis in baronia de Erole.¹ —(A.D. 1498.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octavo mensis vero Aprilis die quarta . In mei notarij publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Henricus Douglass sua spontanea voluntate totam et integram quartam partem sine quarterium omnium et singularum terrarum de Auchirys cum pertinentijs jacentem in baronia de Slanis et infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene in manibus nobilis et potentis domini sui superioris dicte quarte partis siue quarterij simpliciter resignavit . quia prefatus dominus Willelmus comes de Erole eundem Henricum Douglass via excambii in certis terris suis le Emreis jacentibus in baronia de Erole et infra vicecomitatum de Perth infeodavit . Acta erant hec in hospicio prefati domini Willelmi comitis de Erroll infra burgum de Perth presentibus pro tunc Jacobo Haye / Waltero Haye / Georgio Fyfe / Andrea Strathachin / Willelmo Haye . domino David Bok presbitero et Ricardo Streviling notario publico testibus . Andrea Eldar presbitero Sancti Andree diocesis notario publico .

The lettre of reuersion of the brewlands off Dronlaw with the brewhous and office of the samen.² —(A.D. 1489.)

Be it kend til al men me Walter Finlesone the son of quhilom Finlay Donaldsone of Auchinleisch to be bundin to ane honorabil man William the Hay of Ardendracht and lard of Dronlaw that forsamekill as he hes

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines. Henry Douglas was the son of Janet of Fentoun by Sir James Douglas of Railstone, knight. (Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, p. 478, note; Acta Dominorum Concilii, pp. 111, 184, 203, 215, 232, 253.)]

² [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.

By a charter dated at Dundee on the thirteenth of September, 1488, 'Gilbertus Hay filius et heres Willelmi de Ardendracht,' sold to Walter Rollok, burgess of Dundee, and Ja

sald to me his landis of Dronlaw callit the brewlandis with the brewhouss and office of the samen with the pertinentis within the baronie of Dronlaw and the schirefdome of Forfar the quhilkis quhilom Robert Watt occupyit be playn charter of selling Neuertheles whenever the said William pais to me upon the altar of the reuestre of the paroch kirk of Dundee the sowm of four score of merkis usual money of Scotland I sal upgif in the handis of the said William the forsaid landis brewhouss and office . In witnes of the quhilk thing my seill is affixit and appensit to this reversioun at Dundee the xvij day of Junij the yeir of God a thousand four hundreth auchty and nyne yeris befor thir witnes John of Ogilvy . William of Strathachin . Peter the Hay . John the Hay . David Purvas . Patrick Hay . and Robert Johnson burges of Dundee .

Ogilvy his spouse, the fourth part of the lands of Templeton, in the barony of Errol and sheriffdom of Forfar. (Copy at Slaines.)

"Wilyeam erle of Errole lord the Hay and Constabil of Scotland," gave in liferent to his "hertly belufyt cousyn Alexander the Hay of Dronlaw," his lands of Inchtuthyl and Caput, within the earldom of Erroll and sheriffdom of Stratherne, "for his guid wil trew consale manrent and fidelity, and vthir guid dedis and rewardes be hym thankfully heddytill before hand done," by a charter dated at "Instuthyle the thryd day of the moneth of December, the yeir of God a thousand four hundreth fifty and aucht yeiris, befor thir wytnes, Gilbert of Maunorgunt of that ilk . Gilbert the Hay brother to the said Alexander . Schyr John of Leyth . Schyr Alexander Ranyson . John of Laysk . Dawy Rede . James Thomson." (Copy at Slaines.)

A charter of the lands of Ury in the Mearns, granted to William of Hay by his father Sir William of Hay, knight, Constable of Scotland, and lord of Eroll, on the twentieth of July, 1430, is witnessed by Sir Gilbert of Hay of Dronlaw, the granter's brother: "domino Gilberto de Haia de Dronlaw fratre nostro." (The Miscellany of the Spalding Club, vol. ii., p. 322.)

The first grant of Dronlaw made to the Hays appears to have been by William earl of Mar, before the year 1251. (Id., pp. 307, 308.) They obtained a second grant from his son Donald, earl of Mar, between the years 1272 and 1294 (Id., pp. 312, 313); and a third from the Knights Hospitallers, about the same period: "Frater Hubertus de Chellecham magister domus Hospitalis Jerusalemiani de Torpchechan et ejusdem loci fratres dederunt Domino Nicholao de Haya militi et heredibus suis illud toftum et illas quatuor acras terre et totam illam pasturam quod et quas Douenaldus filius Duncani nobis dedit in villa de West Dorlaw . pro escambio quod dictus Dominus Nicholaus nobis fecit de quatuor acris terre et dimidio acre in Est Dorlaw cum pastura . In cujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum capituli nostri apposuimus . Hys testibus Domino Roberto de Haya milite . Wilhelmo clerico Constabulario de Dundee . Domino Johanne capellano . Nicholao de Haya parvo . Wilhelmo filio Domini Johannis de Haya . Alexandro de Monchor . Davide Longo . et multis alijs." (Copy at Slaines.)

De relictis Willelmi Hay de Ardendracht.¹ —(A.D. 1503.)

Inquisitio facta apud burgum de Aberdene tercio die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tercio coram nobili et potente domino Johanne comite de Crafurde domino Lindesay ac vicecomite de Aberdene in pretorio burgi de Aberdene curia capitali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Iruyne de Drum militem Willelmum Fraser de Phillorth militem Georgium Meldrum feudatorem de Fiwy Johannem Chene de Essilmond militem Alexandrum Skene de eodem Willelmum Crafurde de Federay Walterum Berclay de Towy Andream Tulideff de eodem Johannem Movat de Loscragy Willelmum Oudny de eodem Henricum Forbes de Kynellour Alexandrum Johnestoun de eodem Alexandrum Tulloch de Moncoffir Robertum Dogud de Auchnahuff Alexandrum Caldour de Synohard Johannem Ross de Auchlossin et Johannem Dalgarno de Dalgarnoy Finteray Qui jurati dicunt quod Margareta Leslie relictis quondam Willelmi Hay de Ardendracht tenetur habere rationabilem terciam terciarum terrarum de Ardendracht Auchschellow et molendin[i] earundem cum suis pertinenciis ac terciam partem quarte partis terrarum de Aucherens Abdy et Aucherny cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in baronia de Balheluy Et tenetur habere rationabilem terciam omnium terrarum de Auchinschogill Delgaty Loncarty Plady Kynmynty et molendin[i] earundem cum suis edificiis ac pertinenciis per decessum quondam dicti Willelmi sponsi sui Et attigit eandem in orientali parte earundem per sortem proiectam in curia .

Decreit on the merchis betuyx Ardefferie and Ardendrit.² —(A.D. 1508.)

The thretten day of August the yeir of God a thousand five hundreth and aucht yeiris we Schir Alexander Keth of Hythe knicht / Maister

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

On the eighth of September, 1588, "ane discrete man, Alexander Hay in Ardmachron, baillie to ane nobil and potent lord Francis earl of Eroll lord Hay Constabill of Scotland, of his barony of Slaines," thus determined the marches between the lands of Tullimade and

Johne Hay persone of Turreff / Maister Alexander Cabell persone of Banquhory / David Strauquhan of Thorntoun / Henry Cheine of Esselmont / Alexander Hay of Muquhallis / Patrik Rede of Collistoun / Thomas Hay in Glakreo / and Andro Strauquhan chosen personis betuix a nobil man William master of Eroll and Schir Gilbert Hay of Ardendraicht knight for the decissioun of the meithis and merchis betuix the landis of Ardefrie pertenant to the said William maister of Eroll and the landis of Ardendracht and Ashallo pertenant to the said Schir Gilbert / decreit and deliverit that the litle haugh lyand on the burnsyd of Dubildorb on the suthest syd of the corn fauld of Ardifrie pertainis to Ashallo / and the burn to run in tym to cum betuix the said haugh and the dyke of the corn fauld in the water gang next the dyke . And sua passand up the said burn to stand merch betuix the said landis as it ascends on the eist syd of the Feich fauld to the mercat gate And sua on the north eist syd of the water gang to the mercat gait to pertain to Ashallo and on the south west syd of the said watergang to pertain to Ardifrie to the mercat gate And sua passand the mercat gait south throw as the gait is now usit and on the west syd of the gait to pertain to Ardifrie and on the eist syd to the see to pertain to Ardendracht quhile the gait come to the southmost grane of the heid of the moss that passis to the north syd of the Bradelaw . In witnes hereof we hes subscrivit and seilit with our propir seillis this deliverance with the said William Master of Eroll at the Faich fauld yeir and day abone writen .

Bullersbuchan, and the lands of Longhaven, Gask, Turnaluif, and Ardmachorn: "beginnand at the sie at the south side of the hawin whilk lyis on the south side of Bullersbuchan, passand up the south side of the said hawin and therfrae lineally west through the moss to the gryt stryp as the samen is propit carnit and merchit; and haldin down the said stryp west to the burn that rynnis betwixt Turnaluif and the meadow of Tullimade and fraethyne haldan owp the said burn northward quhile it cum forenent the north dyke of the fauld of Euroraquhy; and frae thyne passand cistward linealie to the mids of the north dyke of the fauld of Bonabunyeoun and to the stryp of Wayne; and therfrae ascendand up the said stryp as it rynnis to the heid of the same quhile it cum to the new maid cairn at the end of ane stryp cummand of Mossgarvie; ascendand frae that lineally as it is merchit to ane mekle gray stane onremowable in the Blakbankis; and frae thyne cistward linealie fra cairn to cairn as the same is dykit and stankit to ane uthir mekil stane onmowable lyand in the auid stank; and passand therfrae keipand the said stank to the sie at the Heddrie Hawin: Acta erant hec super solum dictarum terrarum de Tullimade coram hiis testibus Johanne Robertsons in Ardmachorn burgense de Edinburgh; Alexandro Stewenson in Peterhead; Nicolao Lawrenson in Tullimade; Roberto Anderson ibidem, et Davide Hay servitore dicti Magistri Johannis:" Johanne Robertsons Abredonensis diocesis notario publico . (Copy in the charter room at Glaines.)]

Lettre of tak of Dronlaw.¹ —(A.D. 1514.)

Alexander the Hay of Ardendracht to Williame Kinnaird Andro Barbour and Williame Abernethy my officiaris in that pairt greetin . For-samekil as I haf set to my cousing Mattho Kynnard thre quarteris of Dronlaw with the corn myll of the samyn / a quarter of the Templetoun / the Wake Myll and the brewland with the pertinentis for the term of nyntein yeris . I charge you that ye pass with the said Mattho to the said landis and myll and thair gyf to hym state and possession of the samen be thack and rap as use is . Given under my seill at Delgathy the aucht day of July the yeir of God a thousand five hundreth and xiiij. yeris.

Anent the merchis betuix Gask and Inuernytie.² —(A.D. 1559.)

Att the landis callit the Stervinlinghill the elewint day of September the yeir of God j^m. v^o. fyfty and nyne yeiris in presence of Robert Keith of Canterland electit for the parte of Wilyeam erl Merschal lord Keith etc. and Alexander Innes of Ardgrane electit for the parte of Andro master of Erroll as juges chosen for determining the merchis betuix the landis of Inuernytie pertaining to the said Wilyeam erle Merschal and the landis of Gask pertaining to the said Androw master of Erole as happenit to be deliverit be the inquest chosen be the said parteis / that is to say for the said Erle Merschal / John Wischart of Pitarro / Thomas

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.

Selsin was given accordingly on the twenty-second of July, 1514, "per traditionem tecti et funis;" "presentibus discretis viris Willelmo Kynard . Willelmo Thomsone . Andrea Barbour . et Bartholomeo Cheyne;" Johanne Galluay presbytero Sancti Andree diocesis notario publico . (Copy at Slaines.)

(On the third of February, 1506-7, "William erle of Erole lord Hay and Constable of Scotland," became bound "to our weill belovit cousing and servand Alexander Hay of Ardendracht, that notwithstanding he had away put his landis of Wakemyll and brewland of Dronlaw, and a quarter of the Templetoun, to be holden as in blench farm, neuertheles how sone he shal redeeme the said landis we sal resaif the said Alexander tenant to us of the said lands, sicklyke as he was of befor the said alienatioun . In witnes of the quhilk we haf appensit our seill at our Castel of Slanis befor thir witnessis Alexander Hay parson of Turreff . Magnus Mowat of Balquhollie and Sir John Baxter." (Copy at Slaines.)

² [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

Menzeis of Pittfoddels / Alexander Burnet of Lyes / Thomas Fraser fiar of Durres / David Chalmer of Bawach and Maister George Fraser in Darnfuir and Johne Arbuthnot in Portertoun . and for the said Master of Erroll / William Auchinleck of Schethin / William Strathauchin of Tibbarty / William Leisk of that Ilk / Gilbert Reid of Collystoun / Maister Gilbert Blakall in Drummis / Robert Cheyne in Tuliedask and Walter Waus in Birnes . The personis chosin for the said Erle Merschal deliverit the just merchis to be as follouis/begynnand at the Clowin Stane passand therfra wast to the litle Stervinlinghill to the hill of Turnagain and passand therfrae lineally to the cairn callit the Nether Cairn . And the inquest chosin for the Master of Erroll deliverit the just merchis to be as followis / beginnand at the Nether Cairn quhair the parteis aggrie and frae the samyn passand toward the eist to ane swell and descendand out of the said swell be the water passing and syke therof till it cum to the black burn of Gask/and kepand the said burn as the water rynis til it cum to the sey . Acta erant hec super solum dictarum terrarum coram testibus Magistro Roberto Livinstoun . Nicolao Robertson . Johanne Keith . Magistro Gilberto Murray Domino Willelmo Proktour notario . Johanne Robertson notario .

THE PARISH OF SLAINES.¹

Sancti Adampnani Abbatis patroni apud Furu Aberdonensis dyocesis.²

Oracio.

Deus qui diem presentem in Beati Adampnani confessoris tui atque abbatis honore letificasti : concede nobis quesumus eius intercessione et

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 387-396.]

² [From the Breuiarium Aberdonense, prop. Sanct. pro tempore estuali, xxlii. Septembris, fol. cxliii..]

Robert de Leylie, rector of the church of Slanis, is a witness to the charter of foundation of Saint Congan's Hospital at Turreff, dated at Kelly, on the first Sunday after the Feast of Candlemas in the year 1278. (Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, p. 470.) In the year 1325, Master Andrew Gallaych, rector of the church of Slanya, is present at a perambulation of marches between the King's park of Fyvie and the land of Ardlogy, belonging

meritis ante conspectum diuine maiestatis tue in gloria letari sempiterna .
Per Dominum .

Ad matutinas . ix. lectiones .

Lectio i.

Sanctus Adampnanus preclaris ortus parentibus de nobilissima
Conaldi Regis progenie carnis duxit originem de cuius ortu moribus et
vita Sanctus Columba longo tempore antequam nasceretur diuinitus pro-

to the abbot and convent of Saint Thomas of Canterbury at Arbroath. (*Registrum Vetus de Aberbrothoc*, p. 811.)

On the seventeenth of September, 1505, Bishop Elphinstone, with consent of the lay patrons of the benefice, renewed the grant which he had previously made of the parish church of Slanis to the University and College which he had founded at Aberdeen: "Nos vero cupientes numerum doctorum magistrorum legentium et scolarium in predicta Uniuersitate augeri et ampliari . ecclesiam parochialem de Slanis Aberdonensis diocesis . cum consensu et assensu patronorum laicalium ejusdem . que de jure patronatus laicalis existebat . nostra autoritate ordinaria eidem Universitati doctoribus magistris legentibus et studentibus in eadem commorantibus . uniuimus annexuimus et incorporauimus prout de presenti animus annectimus et presentium tenore incorporamus." (*Fasti Aberdonenses*, pp. 26, 27, 28, 53.) The grant was confirmed in the following year by Pope Julius II. (*Id.*, p. 64.) A salary was reserved from the fruits of the benefice to the vicar pensioner serving the cure of souls in the parish; and the right of presentation to that office was vested in the principal, subprincipal, and other doctors of the College, the admission or collation being with the Chancellor, who was also the ordinary of the diocese. (*Id.*, pp. 86, 96.)

Between the years 1203 and 1214, Fergus, earl of Buchan, gave the lands of Fedreth and Ardendrach to John, the son of Uthred, in exchange for the lands of Slanys and Cruden. (*Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff*, pp. 407-409.)

William of Slanys is a witness to the grant. The same person appears under the designation of 'miles,' along with Earl Fergus, among the witnesses to the charter of foundation of Saint Peter's Hospital at Aberdeen, between the years 1172 and 1199. (*Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, pp. 11, 12.) William of Slanes is witness to the charter by which William Cumyn, earl of Buchan, and his wife the Countess Marjery, grant the church of Buthelny to the monks of St. Thomas of Arbroath, between the years 1211 and 1214. (*Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff*, pp. 560, 561; *Registrum Vetus de Aberbrothoc*, pp. 92, 93.) He appears as witness to a charter by the same Earl William (who died in the year 1233), granting the lands of Stratheryn and Kyndrochet to Cospatric Macmadethyn. (*Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. i, pp. 14, 15.)

In the year 1261, Alexander Comyn, earl of Buchan and Justice of Scotland, gave to the Hospital which he founded for six poor men at the New Burgh in Buchan, four chalders and fourteen bolls of oat meal, to be received yearly from the rent of his mill of Furvy, by the hands of his baille of Slanys. (*Id.*, vol. ii., p. 276.)

In the fifteenth century Slaines, as one of the chief baronies of the Constable of Scotland, gave title to a Pursuivant-at-Arms of that great officer. The Lords Auditors of parliament were called on, in the year 1471, to judge in the case between the Countess of Erroll and 'Slaines Pursueuant:' "vlij^o Maii anno [m^occcc^o] lxxi^o causa inter Comitissam de Erroll / et signiferum Slanis Jacobum Adamsoun et David Setone continuatur ad xxv^{um} diem Maij cum continuacione dierum absque preiudicio partium in eadem forma sicut nunc est." (*Acta Dominorum Audito-*

phetavit . Natus est itaque Sanctus Adampnanus sicut Beatus precinebat Columba quem a tenera infancia cunctis gratum diuina reddidit gracia . Successu vero temporis a prefato Beato Columba monichalem suscepit habitum et postea iuxta abbatis sui preceptum ad Lismorensem deuenit abbaciam .

Lectio ii.

Deinde Yensis monasterij beate memorie Falbeo abbate defuncto reuelacione diuina pariter et communi fratrum consensu Sanctus Adampnanus eligitur et ordinatur abbas in quo pluribus claruit virtutibus et miraculorum insigniis . Aduenit populus ad beatum virum pro audiendo verbo Dei . Quibus dum predicaret dyabolus in vulpinam se transformauit speciem et suis vanitatibus vniuersos commouit in risum . Cumque hoc Sanctus percepisset signo crucis facto inimicus euanuit .

Lectio iij.

Cumque porci suo more terram verterent sub cespite quoquo euulso infans viuus repertus est Quem cum Sanctus Adampnanus inuenit velut filium educauit et liberalibus artibus instrui laborauit . Tandem ante Dei virum ductus multa ei probleumata proposuit Tunc Sanctus facto signaculo crucis inimicum effugauit qui in specie infantis beatum virum temptare voluit .

Tres medie lectiones de Sancta Tecla de communi vnius virginis.

Lectio viij.

Transacto virilis etatis robore vt contemplacioni vacaret secrecius cellam construxit in qua dum orando soli Deo vacaret quadam die ad horas celebrandas ecclesiam non est ingressus . Tunc seniores cellam

rum, p. 10; Robertson's Parliamentary Records of Scotland, p. 160.) Mr. Riddell has shown that, in the year 1460, the Earl of Crawford had a Pursuivant called, from the motto of the family, 'Endure': a year or two afterwards he took the style of 'Lyndesay, Herald.' At a still earlier period, the great house of Dunbar had a Pursuivant named 'Shrewsbury,' in commemoration of the valour which the March Earl exhibited on the memorable field of Hotspur's overthrow. (Enquiry into the Law and Practice in Scottish Peerages, vol. i., p. 265.)

Sir William of Hay, lord of Erroll, and Constable of Scotland, died at Furvie on Whitsun Monday in the year 1437. (The Miscellany of the Spalding Club, vol. II., p. 347.)

The church of Furvie was given to the King's College of Aberdeen, by King James VI., in the year 1574. (Fasti Aberdonenses, p. 129.) The patronage of the united churches of Slaines and Furvie was sold by the College in 1766 to the Earl of Erroll. (Evidence taken by the Commissioners on the Scottish Universities, vol. iv., p. 201.)]

adeunt et puerum inestimabilis decoris in gremio eius stantem videbant senem consolantem et quam tenerrime secum colloquentem .

Lectio viij.

Cumque defunctus quidam ad sepeliendum portaretur coram cunctis concito motu surrexit . Hoc audiens vir Dei accessit et signo crucis astantes muniuit et statim demon qui mortuum exagitabat ut fumus euanuit .

Lectio ix.

Demum cum beatissimus pater Adamnannus ad finem vniuerse carnis properaret populo mandauit sibi conuenire . Cui postquam valedicendo benedixit eterno refectus viatico spiritum Deo reddidit . Cuius corpus in insula Yensi debito honore humatum est .

Cetera omnia de communi vnius Confessoris et Abbatis .

Conuencio inter Dominum de Eroale et Willelmum de Fenton.¹ —(A.D. 1368.)

Memorandum quod in Vigilia Pentecostes anno Domini millesimo . ccc^o. lx^{mo}. viij^o. in ecclesia parochiali de Aberdene et in presentia Domini Willelmi de Keth Marescalli Scotie . Domini Roberti de Cheshelme . Domini David de Annand . Domini Johannis de Strechyn militis . Johannis de Haya domini de Tulliboyl . Walteri Byset et Patricij de Craufurd et multorum aliorum . super quadam litera obligatoria quam Dominus Gilbertus de Haya fecit et deliberavit Domino Johanni de Fentoun . inter Dominum Thomam de Haya dominum de Eroale constabularium Scotie et Willelmum de Fenton dominum ejusdem . post multas altercationes ex utraque parte propositas in modum qui subsequitur finaliter fuerat concordatum et conventum . videlicet . Quod dictus Willelmus ad instantiam dicti Domini Willelmi de Keth dimisit ut penitus condonabit predicto Thome tenorem predictae litere obligatorie Et predictus Thomas infeodabit predictum Willelmum in viginti mercatis terre secundum antiquum extentum de terris suis baronie de Slaynis infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene hereditarie ubicunque dictus Willelmus illas viginti

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

mercatas terre duxerit eligendas extra terras suas dominicales baronie cum carta plena et sasina . Tenendas et habendas dicto Willelmo et heredibus suis de prefato Thoma et heredibus suis libere et quiete . Necnon si contingat predictas terras a predicto Willelmo vel heredibus suis recuperari predictus Thomas obligat viginti mercatas terrarum de Inchuyre infra baroniam de Kinowll vel viginti mercatas terrarum de terris suis de Inchtuthyl vel viginti mercatas terrarum infra baroniam de Erol extra terras suas dominicales ad electionem dicti Willelmi vel heredum suorum eligendas et possidendas pro predictis viginti mercatis terrarum de Slaynis . Et firmas dictarum viginti mercatarum terrarum dictus Willelmus levabit et habebit ad instans festum Pentecostes .

Litera Johannis de Haia domini de Tulibothuil. ¹ —(A.D. 1368.)

Pateat universis per presentes me Johannem de Haia dominum de Towlibothwyl teneri et obligari Johanni de Logy domino ejusdem in centum marcis sterlingorum causa emptionis maritagii Margarete uxoris mee ab ipso empti . soluendis eidem Johanni vel suis certis acturnatis infra unam diem ante festum Pentecostes sequentis anni Domini millesimi tricentesimi sexagesimi noni . In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum est appensum . apud Abirdene . vicesimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo tricentesimo sexagesimo octavo .

Littera quittance Domini de Lesslie. ² —(A.D. 1376.)

Pateat universis per presentes me Andream de Lesslie dominum ejusdem recepisse per manus Thome de Haya domini de Eroll Constabularij

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

In the same archives there is a copy of a letter, dated at Edinburgh on the fifth of May, 1389, by which the King's eldest son John, earl of Carrick and Steward of Scotland, attests that, within the Castle of Edinburgh, on Whitsunday, 1387, his brother Robert, earl of Fyfe and of Menteth, gave and resigned to John of Logy, son and heir of the deceased Sir John of Logy, knight, his lands of Logy and Strogartnay. (Cf. Riddell's Enquiry into the Law and Practice in Scottish Peerages, vol. ii., pp. 982-987, 1048, 1049.)]

² [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

Scocie ducentas libras bonbrum et legalium sterlingorum . in quibus idem Thomas de Haya ratione cujusdam contractus super matrimonio inter filium meum et filiam suam habendo initi literatorie extitit obligatus . In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui apud Dundee duodecimo die Julij anno Domini . m. ccc^{mo}. lxx^{mo}. sexto .

Litera Regis pro Willelmo de Haya.¹ —(A.D. 1392.)

Robertus Dei gracia Rex Scottorum . Omnibus probis hominibus suis ad quorum noticiam presentes litere peruenerint salutem . Sciatis quod concessimus dilecto nepoti nostro Willelmo de Haya filio et heredi Thome de Haya militis Constabillarij nostri Scocie . quod nullas donaciones concessionem aut alienaciones per ipsum Thomam a data presencium cui-cunque persone faciendas de aliquibus terris quas nunc habet approbabitur seu aliquialiter ratificabimus in futurum absque ipsius nepotis nostri consensu et assensu vna cum nostro consilio ad hoc obtinendo . In cuius rei testimonium presentes literas sigilli nostri secreti munimine fecimus roborari . Datum apud Lythqu decimo nono die Marcij anno regni nostri tercio .

Carta Willelmi de Haya super relevio terrarum suarum.² —(A.D. 1406.)

Robertus dux Albanie comes de Fyfe et Menteth ac gubernator Scocie . Omnibus ad quorum notitiam presentes litere peruenerint . Salutem . Sciatis quod concessimus carissimo nepoti nostro Willelmo de Haya de Erole . Constabulario Scocie . relevium suum nobis debitum de omnibus terris quas de domino Rege tenet in capite ubique infra regnum . nobis contingens per mortem quondam Domini Thome de Haya militis patris sui nuper defuncti . pro ducentis marcis nobis prout super hoc concordati sumus persolvendis . Quare omnibus vicecomitibus et ministris nostris damus in mandato ne dictum Willelmum aut terras suas pro dicto relevio

¹ [From a transcript, made in the year 1811, of the original in the charter room at Drummond Castle, collated with a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

² [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

aliqua litera compellatis . Datum sub sigillo nostro apud Perth tertio die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexto . et gubernationis nostre anno primo .

Indenturis betuyx Wilyeam Lord the Hay and Johnne of Soulis.¹ —
(A.D. 1450.)

This indentur maid at Erol the tende day of Apryle the yhere of oure Lord a thousand foure hundreth and fyfti proportand beris witnes that ane honorabil and a mychti lord Wilyeam lord the Hay Constabil of Scotland of his grace hes giffin to his lovit seruitoure John of Soulis his land of Duwaly lyand in his lordschip of Erol in change of the landis of Belsise grantit to the said Lord by the said John his seruitoure obefor . To be haldin and had to the said Johnne of Soulis for all the dais of his lyfe of the said Lord and his successouris with powar to mak tennendis or cottaris under hym at his lykeing the quhilk sal mak service to the Lordis miln and smithy as oyse and custome is obefor time and sal ever soyt to the Lordis courtis when thai happin . he beand out of the Lordis service . And the said Johnne sal pay yherely to the said Lord four mark of male and a boll of beir yheirly . In witnes herof to the pairt of this indentur remanand with the said Johnne the said Lord hes set his seil . and to the pairt remanand with the said Lord forquhy that the said Johnne had na sele of his awn he hes procurit the sele of a discret man Schyr John of Cornwell vicar of Telyne to be put to day and place for-said . the witnes honorabil squyaris Walter the Hay . Gilbert the Hay . Gilbert of Monorgund of that Ilk . Will Kynman . and Androw of Strathern with vtheris sindry .

Carta Vicecomitis de Angous super terris de Petlyel.² —(A.D. 1454.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Alexander Ogilvy de Ouchter-

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

² [Abridged from a copy of a transumpt in the charter room at Slaines, made at the instance

house vicecomes de Forfar . Salutem . Sciatis me vendidisse honorabili et potenti domino Willelmo comiti de Eroll domino le Haya Constabulario Scotie . omnes et singulas terras meas de Petlyell cum pertinentijs jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Forfar pro quadam summa pecunie michi pro redemptione et liberatione Margarete filie mee et apparentis heredis de manibus domini David de Haya domini de Yhestir militis persoluta . Tenendas et habendas prefato Willelmo comiti heredibus suis successoribus et assignatis a me heredibus meis et successoribus de domino Comite de Douglas et heredibus suis . Reddendo domino superiori earundem servitia debita et consueta . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presenti carte est appensum apud Ouchterhouse decimo tertio mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo quadragesimo quinquagesimo quarto .

Indenturis for the mariage of Elisabeth Hay dochter to the Erle of Erol and Schir Androw Gray knight. ¹ —(A.D. 1457.)

This indentur maid by A B C D E F at Perth the last day of the moneth of May the yher of God a thousande four hundreth fyfty and sevin yheris proportis that it is appointit betvix nobil and mychti lordis Wilyeame erle of Erole and lorde Hay on the ta parte and Androw lorde Gray and Patrik Gray sone and apperande ayre to the saide Androw on the tothyr parte . that Schir Androw Gray knyght sone and apperande ayre to the said Patrik sal mary and haf to wif Elisabeth the dochter of the said Erle Wilyeame . for the quhilk mariage the sayde lord Erle sal pay to the sayde Patrik a thousande merkis of the vsuale money of Scotlande the quhilkis sal be put into the handis of Gilbert of Monorgunde of that Ilke . Androw Gray of the Muretoun . and Schyr Nicholl Kynman chaplane . and sal remayne in thair handis qhwil certaine landis be qvyt out and redemyt qwhilk are wedset be the sayde Androw lorde Gray . of the quhilk landis the fie sal remayne with the saide lorde Erle .

of William de le Hay, earl of Erroll and Constable of Scotland, at Ester Capet, on the twelfth of December, 1475: "presentibus ibidem venerabilibus providis et discretis viris Magistro David de Haya . Alexandro de Haya . Andrea de Haya . Magistro Johanne de Haya . Johanne Furde . Jacobo Murray;" Johanne Vrwel clerico Moraviensis diocesis notario publico.]

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

qwhyl the tyme the sayde mariage be complete and the frank tenement with the sayde Androw lorde Gray and Patryk . Mar attour it is appoynt- it that fra the tyme the sayde maryage be complet the saydes Schir Androw and Elisabeth his wife sal haf in junctfeftment fyfti merkis worth of the sayde landis to thair sustentatioun and lyving . And to the keping of thir poyntis lelely and trewly bath the parteis has giffin thar bodely athis upon the haly altar . In witnes herof to the part of this indentur remanande with the saide lorde Erle the sele of the saide Patrik is affixit and to the parte remanande with the said Patrik the sele of the saide lorde Erle is affixit yher day and place befor writtin .

The contract of mariage betuyx Wyllyeam erle of Erole and Elisabeth Leslie dochter to the Erle of Rothes.¹ —(A.D. 1485.)

Thir indenturis maid at the Abbay of Lundores the fourtein day of the moneth of October the yeir of God a thousand four hundreth aughtie and fyve yeiris betuix nobil and michtie lordis George erle of Rothes and Wilyeam erle of Erol beris witnes that baith the said lordis ar bundyn ilk ane till vthir in lawtie and kyndnes in all thair actiounis caussis and quarrellis leful and honast as wel for thair kine and thair freindis as for thar self . Item the said Wilyeam erle of Erol sal marrie and haff to wiffe Elisabeth the dochter of the said George erle of Rothes and sal complete the said mariage as sone as God provydis a dispensatioun to cum fra the court of Rome . And gif the said lord Wilyeam desyris to compleit the mariage or the dispensatioun cum hame he sal mak sich bandis of security eythir of landis or sowmes of money as the said George erle of Rothes can dewise but inconvenientis and quhat cost that beis maid wpon the dispensatioun bringand ham bath the said lordis sal pay elyke the tane the ta half and the tothyr the tothyr halffe . And for quhylk mariage the said George erle of Rothes sal pay to the said lord Wilyeam erle of Erol the sowm of a thousand merkis monie of Scotland and failand the payment of the samen the said lord George erle of Rothes sal infett the said lord Wilyeam erle of Erol of fifty merkis worth of

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

land in a competent place lyand within Scotland . The quhilk infaftment sal be maid to the said lord Wilyeam erle of Eroll and to the said Elisabeth and to the ayris to be begottyn betuex tham and failland tharof to the nerest and maste lauchful ayris of the said Wilyeam erle of Errol quhatsumever . And the said Wilyeam sal gif a reversioun to the saide George to renunce the forsaidis landis quhat tyme the said George pays to the said Wilyeam the said soun of a thousand merkis . And the forwritin soun of a thousand merkis sal be laid on othir landis to the utilitie and profite of the said Elisabeth and to the ayris to be gotten betuix her and the said Wilyeam and no utherways . And for the keping of al the appoyntmentis abufwritin the said lordis has giffin the faithis of thair bodys the Haly Ewangellis tuichit . befor thir witnessis a venerabil fader in God Androw abbot of Lindores . Laurence lord Olyphant . Robert lord Balgony . George of Clepan of Kerslogy . James Oliphant of Acquhailye . Maister James Fentoun viccar of Tybermure . Gilbert Hay son and appearand ayr to the Laird of Ardendraught . David Strathachqwhyn son and apperant ayr to the Lard of Thorntoun and Schyr George Thomsone parson of Rothies with vtheris dyuers . And for the mair sickering thir indenturis subscrivit witth bath the saide lordis handis .

Geo^r erle of Rothies .

W^m erle off Erole .

Obligation be the Lord Gray.¹ —(A.D. 1504.)

Be it kend til al men me Andro lord Gray Justice of Scotland to be bundin til ane nobill woman Ellenor Gordon the doughter of umquhill George erl of Huntly for verray luff and favour that I beir till the said Ellenor and for the thankis and kyndnes done to me be ane nobil lady Elisabeth countas of Huntly her moder . to pay to the said Ellenor the sown of ane thousand markis usuall monie of Scotland for the honorable marryng of hir with the Lard of Innerytys son and apperand ayr gif he may be gudely had and failyeing of him with sum uthir nobil man worth

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

six hundred merkis of lyffing yeirly for hir mariage gude . And for the verrificatioun herof I haff affixit my sele of armes together with my subscriptione manuale at the Newark one Spey callit the Bogg of Gight the aught day of Aprile the yeir of God a thousand fyfe hundreth and four yeris . befor thir witnessis ane nobil and mychti lord Alexander erle of Huntly etc. . Willyeam master of Erol . Alexander Guthrie of that Ilk . Henry Lovel of Ballumby . Gilbert Hay of Ardendraught . Robert Gray . Alexander Irwyne . Schyr Williame Nory . Andro Strathquhine and Maister John of Gardine nottar publict .

The gift to Willyeam erl of Erol of the nonentrie and releif of his landis. ¹

—(A.D. 1507.)

James be the grace of God King of Scottis . To al and sindry our leigis greting . Wit ye us to have gifin to our traist cousin William earle of Eroll lord Hay Constabil of our realme and his assignes the nonentry and relief of al and sindry the landis and annuellrentis of umquhil our cousing Williame earle of Eroll his fader . now being in our handis be the decease of the said Williame his fader . To be holden and to be had the nonentries and relief of the said landis for al the tyme thair of ay and quhyl the lauchful entrie of the richteous air thairto with property and tennendrye and the pertinentis thair of to our said cousing Williame now earle of Eroll and his assigneys of us and our successouris with power to set and dispoone the said landis and to take up the maillis duteis and profitis and also to dispoone upon all accidents that sall happyn to fall in the tym of the said nonentrie and relief . Gevin under our privie seil at Edinburgh the xvij. day of Januar the yeir of God j^m. v^c. sex yeiris . and of our regne the xix. yeir .

Per signaturam manu S. D. N. Regis subscriptam .

¹ [Abridged from copies in the charter room at Slaines.

On the first of July, 1508, James, abbot of Dunfermling, in the King's name, discharges William, earl of Eroll, of the "sum of ane hundreth and twelve pundis fyve schillingis and fyve pennels in pairt payment of the releif and nonentrie of his landis aught to our soveraine lord the King."—(Copy at Slaines.)]

Contract anent the terce of the Countes of Eroll.¹ —(A.D. 1507.)

At Eroll the second day of Februar the yeir of God a thousand five hundredth and six yeris . it is appoyntit betuix a richt nobil and mychti lady Elizabetht countis of Erole and a nobil and potent lord Willyeam erle of Erole lord Hay and Constabyl of Scotland as folowis . that is to say . that the said lord Eroll is bundyn to the said Lady that he and his ayris sall causs the said Lady to be redily ansuerit in the peicable bruiking of all landis terssys and conjunct feftmentis perteinand to her by the deceise of umquhill Willyeam erle of Eroll hir spouss and fader to the said Willyeam now erl of Eroll for all the dais of hir life . For the quhilk causs and special favour that the said Lady beris to the said Lord the said Lady dischargis to the said Lord all the terssys maillis fermis and profitis of the landis wnderwritin for all the dais of hir lyfe . that is to say . the thrid pairt of the lands of Acharnys and Ardiffry . the thrid part of the Knaperlaw . the thrid part of Furvie . the thrid part of Balmatuthyll . the thrid part of the mil of Crudane . the thrid part of the twa Ardmackornis . the thrid part of the Gask . the thrid part of Cloichtow . the thrid pairt of the Hawdo of Furvie and the thrid part of the ailhouss and smiddie of Cruden with the pertinentis lying in the baronie of Slaynis and within the schirefdome of Abirdeine . And alsua it is appointit betuex the said parteis anent the gudis testabil perteinuing to the said umquhyll Willyeam erle of Eroll that they sal be equally betuex the said Lady and lord Eroll and thai to be confermyt executouris and to pay the debtis equally in so far as the gudis may extend to except the abulyemant of the said Ladyis persone and the airschip perteinuing to the said lord Eroll . And alsua the said Lady byndis her that scho sal not mak na baily nor factour in name of her tersys of gryter degre or renown than an of hir houshold seruantis or mail tennentis without the avise of the said Earle onto the tym that scho be cled witht an husband . And alsua the said lord Eroll is content that the said Countes sal dwel in his place callit the Mote of Eroll on to the tym that scho be clad with a husband the said Lady vphauldand the said place sicklyk as scho resaivis

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it . Befor thir witnessis that is to say a noble and potent lord John lord of Carchat . Allan of Carchat son and apperant air to the said Lord . William Lesslie of Finchies . Jhon of Cochran of that Ilk . Thomas Hay of Logy . Edmund the Hay of Meginsh . Andro Strathquhan . and Maister Robert Hay vicar of Eroll with vtheris diuerss .

Confirmatio carte Ricardo de Kynnard.¹—(A.D. 1389.)

Robertus . . . Sciatis nos . . . confirmasse donacionem illam et concessionem quas dilectus filius noster Thomas de Haya Constabularius noster Scocie fecit . . . dilecto et fideli nostro Ricardo de Kynnard de terris de Chethynrawache et de Kynnynmonde cum fortiris cum pertinentiis in baronia de Slainis infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . Tenendis . . . eidem Ricardo cum omnibus . . . libertatibus . . . adeo libere . . . sicut carta predicti Thome eidem Ricardo exinde confecta in se plenius . . . proportat . Saluo seruicio nostro . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmationis nostrum precepimus apponi [sigillum] . Testibus Willelmo et Johanne cancellario nostro Sancti Andree et Dunkeldensis ecclesiarum episcopis . Johanne primogenito nostro de Carric senescallo Scocie . Roberto de Fyff et de Mentethe filio nostro dilecto Willelmo de Douglas et de Marr consanguineo nostro comitibus . Jacobo de Lyndesay nepote nostro karissimo et Alexandro de Lyndesay consanguineo nostro militibus . Apud Perth vltimo die Septembris anno regni nostri nono .

Preceptum sasine terrarum de Laskgowny.²—(A.D. 1433.)

Robertus de Ereskine dominus ejusdem ac baronie de Kelly in Buchania . dilecto nostro Gilberto de Tullouch balivo nostro baronie predictae . Salutem . Sciatis quod concessimus hereditarie dilecto nostro Domino Willelmo de Forbes militi totam terram nostram de Laskgowny cum pertinentiis jacentem in baronia nostra de Kelly infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . Quare vobis precipimus quatenus eidem Domino Willelmo vel suo certo

¹ [From the Registrum Magni Sigilli, p. 151, no. 117.]

² [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

actornato sasinam hereditariam dicte terre liberari faciatis . Datum sub sigillo nostro apud burgum nostrum de Aberdene vicesimo secundo die mensis Junij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo tertio .

Preceptum sasine terrarum de Laskgowny pro Gilberto Menzeis.¹ — (A.D. 1436.)

Robertus de Ereskine dominus ejusdem ac baronie de Kelly in Buchania . dilecto nostro Gilberto de Tulauch balivo nostro baronie predictae . Salutem . Sciatis quod concessimus hereditarie dilecto nostro Gilberto Menzeis burgensi de Aberdene totam terram nostram de Laskgownie cum pertinentijs jacentem in baronia nostra de Kelly infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . Quare vobis precepimus quatenus eidem Gilberto vel suo certo acturnato sasinam hereditariam dicte terre liberari faciatis . Datum sub sigillo nostro apud Aloway secundo die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo sexto .

Carta de Laskgowny.¹ — (A.D. 1437.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Robertus de Ereskine miles dominus ejusdem . Salutem in Domino sempiternam . Sciant presentes et futuri me dedisse Gilberto Menzeis burgensi de Aberdene totam terram meam de Laskgowinie cum omnibus suis pertinentiis jacentem in Buchania in baronia mea de Kelly et vicecomitatu de Aberdene . pro fidei servitio michi impenso . Que terre fuerunt Domini Willelmi Forbes de Kynaldi militis et quas idem Dominus Wilhelmus spontanea voluntate in manus meas pure et simpliciter resignavit . Tenendam et habendam terram predictam dicto Gilberto et heredibus masculis inter ipsum et Isabellam Fraser sponsam suam procreatis seu procreandis quibus forsan deficientibus heredibus legitimis dicti Gilberti de me et heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate cum molendino et brasina ac cum omnibus libertatibus libere et quiete . Faciendo inde servitium Domino nostro Regi

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quantum pertinet ad tertiam partem unius davate terre . et reddendo michi et heredibus meis viginti solidos usualis monete Scotie nomine albe firme . In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum est appensum . hijs testibus nobilibus viris Domino Gilberto de Haia milite . Johanne de Bruys de Clackmannan . Thoma de Wemyss filio et herede Duncani de Weymis . Georgio Barclay . Patricio Barclay . Gilberto de Tulache . Thoma Basate . Thoma de Stratoun et Johanne Broune . Apud Strewylyne vicesimo primo die Mensis Junij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo septimo .

Band be Schir Williame of Forbes.¹ —(A.D. 1439.)

Be it made kende til al men be thir present lettres me Willyeam of Forbes of Kynnaldy knycht for to haf ressaut and fullely hade frae Gilbert Meynheis burges of Aberdene apoun my landis of Lask twelf pundis of usual monie of Scotland quhilk twelf pundis I obliiss me and my heiris to pay and to assithe to the said Gilbert and his airis togeder and at anys with the sex and fyfty pundis takyne befor apoun the said landis as it is contenyt in the said Gilbertis letteris of reversioun to me made thairapoun bvt fraude or gile or ony question to be admittit in the contrair . In witnes of the whilk thing to thir present lettres I haf put my sele at Aberdene the x. day of the moneth of Julij the yheir of our Lord . j^m. iiij^c. xxxix.

Preceptum sasine pro Gilberto Menzeis.² —(A.D. 1451.)

Robertus de Ereskine dominus de Kelly dilecto nostro Willelmo Rede de Collistoun balivo meo in hac parte Salutem . Quia dedi Gilberto Menzeis burgensi de Aberdene unum annum redditum viginti solidorum michi annuatim debitum de terris dicti Gilberti de Laskguyounie . vobis

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.

In the same archives is a copy of precept of selsin of the same date, directed to Andrew Alanson burgess of Aberdeen, and Gilbert Waus of Achnawia.]

² [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

supplico quatenus predicto Gilberto aut suo acturnato sasinam dicti annui redditus liberari faciatis . Datum sub sigillo meo apud Aberdene vicesimo quarto die mensis Julij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo primo .

Carta Alexandri Menzeis de tertia parte de Laskgownie.¹ — (A.D. 1473.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris Johannes Menzeis filius et heres quondam Jacobi Menzeis domini de Laskgownie . Salutem in Domino sempiternam . Noueritis me vendidisse auunculo meo carissimo Alexandro Menzies burgensi de Aberdene et Elizabethhe Lesley sponse sue et eorum alteri diucius viventi totam et integram dimedietatem tertie partis terrarum mearum de Laskgownie cum suis pertinentijs jacentem in baronia de Kelly in comitatu Buchanie infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . pro quadam certa summa pecunie quam prefatus Alexander persoluit pro me Arthuro Forbes auunculo meo in pecunia numerata . pro quaquidem summa dictus quondam Jacobus pater meus per literas suas obligatorias eidem Arthuro stricte fuerat obligatus et propter quam summam prefatus Alexander Menzies per literas regias summonitionis graviter erat vexatus pro me usque ad condignam solutionem factam dicto Arthuro . Tenendam et habendam prefatis Alexandro Menzies et Elizabeth sponse sue et eorum alteri diutius viventi et heredibus suis et suis assignatis de me et heredibus meis . Reddendo inde annuatim domino superiori dictarum terrarum servitium debitum et consuetum et michi et heredibus meis unum denarium argenti nomine albe firme . Insuper obligo me et heredes meos et assignatos ad relevandum dictum Alexandrum Menzies et Elizabetham sponsam suam de tertia dicte dimedietatis tertie partis terrarum predictarum de Lask contingente matri mee Elizabeth Keith . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee unacum sigillo communi dicti burgi ad causas sunt appensa apud dictum burgum decimo octavo die mensis Marcij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo secundo . Testibus Andrea Scherar preposito . Andrea Alani . Ricardo Kyntore . Johanne Mar . Johanne Waus . David Symson .

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

Alexandro Blindsele . Roberto Blindsele . David Kyntor burgensibus
Roberto Leis capellano et notario publico cum multis alijs .

Litera procuratoria Arthuri Forbes ad redimendum terras de Laskgouyne.¹ —(A.D. 1474.)

Universis pateat per presentes me Arthurum Forbes sponsum nobilis domine ac comitisse Beatricis domine de Erole constituisse nobilem virum Alexandrum Menzies burgensem de Aberdene meum verum assignatum et in jure meo surrogatum ad redimendum omnes et singulas terras duarum partium terrarum de Laskguyen cum suis pertinentiis . jacentes in baronia de Kelle infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . de manibus providi viri Roberti Culane burgensis dicti burgi de Aberdene vigore litere sue reversionis quam inde habeo per ipsum confectam . et in eisdem postquam redempte fuerint ac cum eisdem libere et licite remanendum . Renunciando expresse omni juri et clameo terrarum predictarum in posterum per me aut quemcunque alium nomine meo dicto Alexandro Menzies excepto et suis heredibus et assignatis qualitercunque fiendis . In cujus rei testimonium quia sigillum proprium non habui ad presens sigillum providi viri Andree Alani prepositi de Aberdene presentibus cum instantia apponi procuravi . Apud dictum burgum primo die mensis Junij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto . una cum subscriptione mea manuali . Coram hijs testibus . videlicet . venerabili viro Fratre Thoma Balye priore Fratrum Predicatorum de Aberdene . Willelmo de Kintoir . Edmundo Bannerman burgensibus . Alexandro Irvine . Johanne Meldrum . Alexandro Logy . et Domino Roberto Leis capellano et notario publico cum multis alijs .

Arthur Forbes manu propria .

Littera resignacionis terrarum de Laskgowyne.¹ —(A.D. 1483.)

Nobili ac potenti domino Thome domino Erskin ac baroni baronie de

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

Kelle vester humilis servus Johannes Menzies seipsum cum omni servitute et subjectione . Ad resignandum omnes et singulas terras meas de Laskguyeon cum suis pertinentijs jacentes in dicta baronia de Kellie infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene in manus vestre nobilitatis tanquam in manibus domini mei superioris earundem . ego prefatus Johannes magnificum et potentem dominum Willelmum comitem Mariskalli . Magistrum Jacobum Lyndesay decanum Glasguensem . Alexandrum Lesslie de Wardes . Jacobum Schaw de Sauchie . Johannem Erskin . Dominum Willelmum Auchlec capellanum et Patricium Red meos veros procuratores constituo . Quasquidem terras in manus vestre nobilitatis pure et simpliciter resigno ita quod vobis liceat de dictis terris libere disponere ad vestre libitum voluntatis . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum apud burgum de Aberdene vicesimo octavo die mensis Junij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo tertio .

Instrumentum super solutione facta Johanni Menzies.¹ —(A.D. 1483.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo . lxxxiiij^o mensis vero Junij die . xxviiij^o . In mei notarij publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Johannes Menzies filius et heres quondam Jacobi Menzies domini de Leskguyeon tempore resignationis fiende in manibus domini superioris dictarum terrarum vigore venditionis facte provido viro Alexandro Menzies auunculo suo de dictis terris . prefatus Johannes Menzies post receptionem summe pecunie in auro et argento in pecunia numerata sibi deliberate per prefatum Alexandrum Menzies fatebatur se recepisse plenariam solutionem de omnibus summis sibi debitis et promissis pro dictis terris . Acta erant hec infra burgum de Aberdene in camera anteriore dicti Alexandri hora sexta post meridiem sub anno die et mense quibus supra . Presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris David Menzies seniore . David Menzies juniore . Johanne Vornat . et Willelmo Mollison burgensibus dicti burgi cum diuersis

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

alijs testibus . Roberto Leis presbytero Aberdonensis diocesis publico notario .

Carta terrarum de Laskguyeon concessa Alexandro Menzies. ¹—(A.D. 1483.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Thomas dominus Erskin ac dominus baronie de Kellie . Salutem in Domino sempiternam . Noveritis me dedisse dilectis nostris Alexandro Menzeis burgensi burgi de Aberdene et Elizabethhe Lesslie sponse sue ac eorum alteri diucius viventi et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis et procreandis . omnes et singulas terras nostras de Laskguyeon cum suis pertinentijs jacentes in Buchania in baronia de Kellie infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . Quequidem terre fuerunt quondam Johannis Menzies hereditarie et quas ipse spontanea voluntate in manus nostras simpliciter resignavit . Tenendas et habendas prefatis Alexandro et Elizabethhe sponse sue ac eorum alteri diucius viventi et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis vel pro-

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.

Precept of seisin was, of the same date, directed ' honorabilibus viris Alexandro Red . Alexandro de Mar . Johanni Wormet . et David de Mar . burgensibus burgi de Aberdene . " Seisin was accordingly given on the fourteenth of July, 1483, " presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris Thoma Lesk de eodem . David Menzies . David Straton . Gilberto Hay . Waltero Hay filio suo . Johanne Lesk filio dicti Thome . Patricio Red . Alexandro Catowe et Thoma Johannis ; " Johanne Wormet ballivo ; Roberto Leis presbytero Aberdonensis diocesis publico notario. (Copies at Slaines.)

By a charter, dated at Logy in the year 1380, William of Lask the elder, lord of that Ilk, gave to the church of Saint Mary at Ellon, a stone of wax and twelve pennies of silver yearly from his land of Logy beside Ellon, for lights to be burned on all the Sundays and holidays of the year above the tomb of himself and his wives Alice of Rath and Mariot of Saint Michael. (Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i, p. 134.)

In the year 1456, Ulfrid Lask of that Ilk resigned his lands of Lask and Auchlethin, in the hands of his lord William earl of Erroll, lord of the barony of Slaines, in favour of Thomas Lask his son and heir. (Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, p. 895.)

William Lesk, burgess of Aberdeen, in the year 1515, grants bond of manrent to William earl of Erroll, " because that my said gude lord and master has admittit me and affermit me tennend in and to the half of al and hale the landis of Lesk with the pertinentis pertennande to my deceast fader Williame Lesk of that Ilk in heretage / and pertennand to the said Lord as superior of the samyne / for al the daits of my life for my serulce forsaide." (The Miscellany of the Spalding Club, vol. ii., pp. 266, 267.)

A letter of manrent by the Lord of Essilmont is dated " at the Chapell of Laske " on the eleventh of September 1499. (Id., p. 261.)]

creandis . quibus forte deficientibus heredibus dicti Alexandri legitimis quibuscunque revertendas . de nobis ac heredibus et successoribus nostris dominis baronie de Kellie in feodo et hereditate . Faciendo inde servitium domino nostro Regi quantum pertinet ad quartam partem unius davate terre et reddendo nobis annuatim viginti solidos usualis monete Scotie nomine albe firme . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum huic presenti carte nostre est appensum apud Edinburgh quarto die mensis Julij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo tertio . Testibus nobili ac potente domino Willelmo comite Marischalli venerabili viro Magistro Jacobo Lyndesay decano Glasguensi . Jacobo Schaw de Sauchy . Johanne Hay de Yeistyr . Alexandro Stratoun de Lauraston . Alexandro Spence . Roberto Rate . et Domino Roberto Leis notario publico cum diuersis alijs .

Instrumentum super resignacione terrarum de Brogane Lesk per Agnetem Brogane facta.¹ —(A.D. 1495.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo quinto mensis vero Julij die quarto . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constituta honesta mulier Agnes Brogain que spontanea voluntate in sua pura et simplice viduitate totas et integras duas partes terrarum suarum de Brogane Lesk cum suis pertinentijs . videlicet . dimidietatem tertie partis earundem quam jure hereditario per decessum quondam Mariote Brogain sororis sue habuit . et dimidietatem earundem terrarum cum suis pertinentijs quam prius hereditarie possedit . in manibus nobilis magnifici et potentis domini Willelmi comitis de Errol domini de Hay ac Constabularij Scotie domini superioris earundem . jacentes in baronia sua de Slanis infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . pure et simpliciter resignavit ita quod liceat dicto domino superiori de eisdem pro sue libito voluntatis libere disponere . Acta erant hec apud le Barnyards de Slanis hora quasi octava ante meridem sub anno die et mense quibus supra presentibus ibidem nobilibus famosis et honestis viris Wil-

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

elmo Hay filio et herede apparente Domini de Park . Andrea Hay . Waltero Hay . Georgio Fyffe . Domino Jacobo William capellano . Gilberto Forrester . Gilberto Jameson in Slaynis . Jacobo Gibson . Thoma Gibson . Roberto How et Thoma How sergeando commorante in Brogane . Johanne Striuling presbytero Sancti Andree diocesis publico notario .

Carta dimedie partis terrarum de Brogane Lesk.¹ —(A.D. 1498.)

Jhesus .

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris . Willelmus comes de Eroll dominus Hay et Constabularius Scotie . eternam in Domino salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse dilecto filio nostro Johanni Hay juniore totas et integras terras nostras totius dimidietatis omnium et singularum terrarum de Broganlesk cum pertinentijs jacentes in baronia nostra de Slanis et infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . Quequidem terre quondam fuerunt Agnetis Brogane et Thome Alexandri ejus filij et heredis et quas ipsi Thomas et Agnes in manibus nostris tanquam in manibus domini superioris simpliciter resignaverunt . Tenendas et habendas dicto Johanni filio nostro et heredibus suis masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis . quibus forte deficientibus fratribus suis linealiter descendentibus . quibus forte deficientibus nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum . Reddendo inde annuatim nobis et heredibus nostris dominis baronie de Slanis unam rosam albam super solum dictarum terrarum nomine albe firme . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum apud Slanis octavo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octavo . Coram hijs testibus Thoma Hay domino de Logy filio nostro . Magistro David Hay . Johanne Chartris . Jacobo Hay . Waltero Hay . Georgio

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.

Precept of seisin was on the following day directed, "dilectis nostris Thome Hay domino de Logy filio nostro . Patricio Reid de Collstoun . et Willelmo Lesk de eodem." Seisin was accordingly given on the ninth of October, 1498, "presentibus honorabilibus viris Alexandro Bannerman de Wattertoun . Donaldto Bannerman de Balnacask . Davide Hay . Waltero Hay . et Johanne Charteris;" Johanne Herdman presbitero Sancti Andree diocesis notario publico . (Copy at Slaines.)]

Fyffe . Dominis Andrea Was et David Alexandri capellanis cum diversis alijs .

Instrumentum sasine terrarum de Craigiecroft.¹ — (A.D. 1504.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo quarto die vero mensis Augusti vicesimo . In mei notarij publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Alexander Leisk de eodem balivus in hac parte nobilis et potentis domini Willelmi comitis de Eroll per suam literam balivatus hujus sub tenore . Willelmus Hay comes de Eroll dominus Hay ac Constabularius Scocie dilectis nostris Patricio Reid de Collistoun . Willelmo Leisk de eodem . Jacobo Hay . Johanni Fynlay . ac eorum cuilibet balivis nostris in hac parte . Quia consensu carissimi filii nostri et heredis Willelmi Hay de Capeth militis dedimus dilecto filio nostro Johanni Hay juniore totam et integram Craigiecroft cum molendino ejusdem et multuris omnium et singularum terrarum nostrarum de Leysk . Mekil Artrawchy . et Auchlethen . jacentem in baronia nostra de Slainys et infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . cujusquidem crofte dimidia pars fuit prius Johannis Roberti de Netherleisk hereditarie Vobis igitur mandamus quatenus dicto Johanni aut suo acturnato sasinam hereditariam dicte crofte cum molendino ejusdem deliberetis . Datum sub sigillo nostro apud nostrum castrum de Slaines decimo septimo die mensis Januarij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tertio . Post cujusquidem litere lecturam Patricius Reid de Collistoun acturnatus antedicti Johannis Hay junioris eundem balivum requisivit ut ad executionem ejusdem litere procederet . Quamquidem supplicationem dictus ballivus sciens justam sasinam hereditariam de Craigiecroft et multuris et molendino prescriptis deliberavit dicto acturnato . Acta erant hec apud molendinum de Craigiecroft hora octava ante meridiem sub anno die et mense quibus supra . Presentibus ibidem providis personis Thoma Tullocht . Patricio Thome . et Johanne Fynlay . Johanne Herdman presbitero Sancti Andree diocesis notario publico .

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

Inquisitio Willelmi comitis de Erroll.¹ —(A.D. 1507.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene decimo quinto die mensis Marcij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watirtoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirden in pretorio burgi eiusdem pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Willelmum Keith de Inuerugy Willelmum Fraser de Philorth Gilbertum Hay de Delgati Alexandrum Keith de Ithe milites Willelmum Gordoun de Schewes Willelmum Hay de Vry Willelmum Craufurd de Federay Willelmum Leslie de Balquhane Walterum Berclay de Towy Willelmum Turing de Fouerne Andream Tulideff de eodem Jacobum Chene de Straloch Willelmum Blakhall de eodem Thomam Craufurd filium et heredem apparentem Willelmi Craufurd de Federay [et] Willelmum Blakhall de Barroucht de Bourty . Qui iurati dicunt quod quondam Willelmus Hay comes de Erroll pater Willelmi Hay comitis de Erroll latoris presencium obiit ultimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de omnibus et singulis terris barronie de Slanis . . . cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum et de officio hereditarie Constabularie Scochie cum suis hostilagiis . . . ac iustis suis pertinenciis eidem de jure aut consuetudine pertinentibus ac de jure patronatus ecclesie parochialis de Turreff Abirdonensis diocesis et de terris de Ratra cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum et de piscaria aque inferioris de Ythain vulgariter nuncupata le Nethirwatir cum vniuersis piscariis eiusdem et suis pertinenciis jacentibus in barronia de Newburgh et de molendino de Newburgh cum tofto et crofto eiusdem cum multuris terrarum de Knokhall Hawedochis et omnium perticatarum terrarum de Newburgh cum suis . . . pertinenciis jacentibus in barronia de Newburgh infra dictum vicecomitatum Et [quod] dictus Willelmus est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam Willelmi patris sui de dictis terris officio Constabularie patronatu ecclesie de Turreff piscariis molendino tofto crofto et multuris dictarum terrarum de Knokhall Haw-

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

The same jury found Elizabeth, Countess of Errol, entitled to her terce of the barony of Slaines. (Id.)]

dochis et omnium perticatarum terrarum de Newburgh cum suis pertinen-
 cenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre barronie de
 Slanis cum suis tenentibus tenendrijs et libere tenentium seruiciis valent
 nunc per annum ducentas libras Et valuerunt centum libras tempore
 pacis Et quod dicte terre de Ratra cum pertineneciis valent nunc per
 annum quatuor libras Et valuerunt quadraginta solidos tempore pacis
 Et quod dicta piscaria valet nunc per annum triginta quatuor marcas
 Et valuit decem libras tempore pacis Et quod dictum molendinum
 cum suis multuris et multuris terrarum predictarum valet nunc per
 annum tres libras Et valuit triginta solidos tempore pacis Et quod
 dicte terre barronie de Slanis cum tenentibus tenendrijs et libere tenen-
 tium seruiciis earundem cum pertineneciis tenentur in capite de suppremo
 domino nostro Rege in alba firma Faciendo tres sectas ad tria placita
 capitalia annuatim tenenda apud Abirdene Et reddendo annuatim sup-
 premo domino nostro Regi par vnum calcarium deaurat[or]um apud Slanis
 nomine albe firme Et dictum officium Constabulari[e] tenetur de suppremo
 domino nostro Rege per seruicium debitum et consuetum Et patronatus
 ecclesie antedicte tenetur in capite de suppremo domino nostro Rege Et
 quod dicte terre de Ratra cum pertineneciis tenentur in capite de suppremo
 domino nostro Rege per seruicium varde et releuij Et dicte piscarie
 cum suis pertineneciis tenentur in capite de Domino de Sanclar barrone de
 Newburgh in feodifirma Reddendo inde annuatim octo marcas nomine
 feodifirme Et dictum molendinum cum tofto et crofto eiusdem cum
 multuris [] tenetur in capite de dicto Domino de Sanclar in alba
 firma Reddendo inde annuatim vnum denarium nomine albe firme Et quod
 dicte terre barronie de Slanis officium Constabularie et terre de Ratre
 cum suis pertineneciis nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per
 spacium duorum mensium aut eocirca Et quod dicte piscarie molendi-
 num cum tofto crofto et multuris antedictis existunt in manibus dicti
 Domini de Sanclar per dictum spacium in defectu veri heredis jus suum
 hucusque minime prosequentis .

Instrumentum super resignacione terrarum de Leisk Brogan per Johannem Roberti facta.¹ —(A.D. 1511.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo decimo mensis vero Februarii die decima tertia . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus discretus vir Johannes Roberti de Leisk Brogan sua spontanea voluntate simpliciter resignavit in manibus nobilis et magnificentis et potentis domini Willelmi comitis de Eroll domini Hay ac Constabularij Scocie ac vicecomitis de Aberdene dominique sui superioris omnes et singulas suas terras de Laiskbrogan cum pertinentiis jacentes in baronia de Slaines infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene remansuras apud prefatum dominum Comitem heredes suos et assignatos quoscunque in perpetuum . In signum cujus resignationis predictus Johannes sigillum suum proprium presentibus appendi fecit . Acta erant hec apud castrum de Slaines hora quasi tertia post meridiem sub anno die et mense quibus supra . Presentibus ibidem honorabilibus et famosis viris Magistro Willelmo Lyon de Balgony . Jacobo Hay in Tullimade . Andrea Strath-aquhin de Ardlethen cum diversis alijs . Johanne Baxter presbitero Aberdoneensis diocesis notario publico .

Decreit on the marchis betwix Slaynis and Ardendracht.¹ —(A.D. 1512.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo duodecimo . mensis vero Septembris die decimo sexto . In mei notarij publici et testium subscriptorum presencia personaliter constituti nobilis et potens dominus Willelmus comes de Erol dominus Hay ac Constabularius Scotie et honorabilis vir Gilbertus Hay de Ardendracht miles . concordati sunt penes debatas marchiarum inter terras de Slaynis Knapperlaw et Clochtow pertinentes dicto Comiti et terras de Ardendracht pertinentes dicto Gilberto in modo subsequenti et prout in quadam deliberatione dominorum arbitratorum

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

desuper cum consensu utriusque partis electorum plenius continetur .
 cujusquidem deliberationis tenor sequitur in hec verba . At the Nether
 Stane betuixt the landis of Slaynis Clochtow and Knapperlaw and the
 landis of Ardendraught the sextein day of September the yeir of God ane
 thousand five hundreth and twelf yeiris . We George be the mercy of
 God bischop of Ylis and commendator of Arbroth and Ycolmkill . David
 Strachquhan of Thorntoun . Robert Douglas of Logtoun . David Lyon
 of Kynnel and Walter Barclay of Towie judges arbitratouris betuixt ane
 nobil and mychti lord Williame erle of Erol lord Hay and Constable of
 Scotland and Schir Gilbert Hay of Ardendraght knight anent the de-
 cision of the marches of the landis debateabil betuix the landis of Slaynis
 Clochtow and Knappirlaw pertaining to the said Erle and the landis of
 Ardendraght pertaining to the said Schir Gilbert . we decreit in this
 maner . that is to say . Beginnand at the stryp at the Meyr Stane as it
 fallis in the sie and ascending up the said stryp as the water fallis furth
 of the Braidlaw Moss and sua passand up on the north syd of the Braid-
 law as the water descendis quhil it cum to the carn of stanes that is in
 the mercat gait quhil is ane of the marcht cairnis made betuixt Arden-
 draght and Ardiffery . all the said muir and landis of the south west syd
 of the said marches abouewrittin to pertain to the landis of Slaynis
 Clochtow and Knaperlaw and the muir and landis on the north eist part
 of the said marches to pertain to the landis of Ardendraught . And thir
 to stand for marches betuix the said landis bot preiudice of oney of thair
 our lordis . And this for final sentence we deliver wndir our seillis befor
 thir witnessis underwrittin . . . SUPER quibus dicte partes a me notario
 publico sibi fieri petierunt hoc instrumentum . Acta erant hec prope le
 Nethyr Stane inter dictas terras hora quasi decima ante meridiem sub
 anno die et mense quibus supra . Presentibus ibidem nobilibus et poten-
 tibus dominis Johanne domino Glames . Alexandro domino Saltoun .
 honorabilibus et discretis viris Willelmo Haya de Mukalis . Waltero
 Hay de Carmuk . Magistro Alexandro Hay rectore de Duthale . Georgio
 Petillo vicario de Rossy . et Johanne Maxwell capellanis cum multis
 aliis testibus . Johanne Allardes artium magistro clerico Sancti Andree
 diocesis publico notario .

Preceptum sasine de Netherleisk.¹ —(A.D. 1553.)

Georgius comes Errollie dominus Hay Constabularius Scotie ac superior terrarum infrascriptarum dilectis nostris Jacobo Gordon in Craigy et Willelmo Hay balivis nostris in hac parte . Quia nobis clare constat quod bone memorie Willelmus Hay de Lormy consanguineus noster pater Barbare Hay latoris presentium obiit ultimo sasitus de terris solaris partis totius dimidietatis ville de Netherleask cum integro molendino de Leisk et terris molendinarijs ejusdem / videlicet / Craigiecroft cum pendiculis suis ac cum astrictis multuris terrarum de Meikle Artraquhy Tarsethill Netherleisk Overleisk Caikmald Balskamsy Ardlethin cum suis pendiculis . jacentibus in dominio de Slaines et infra vicecomitatum de Aberdeine . et quod dicta Barbara est legitima et propinquior heres dicti quondam sui patris de dictis terris . et quod de nobis tenentur in capite in alba firma pro solutione annuatim unius rose albe . Vobis igitur mandamus quatenus sasinam hereditariam earundem terrarum prefate Barbare deliberetis . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum quo in talibus utimur presentibus nomine manuali subscriptione subscripto est appensum apud nostrum castrum de Slaines penultimo die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo tertio . Presentibus ibidem venerabili et egregio viro Magistro Johanne Ogilvy rectore de Crodoun . Jacobo Gordon in Craigy . Magistro Andrea Mowate et Thoma Annand cum Willelmo Hay in Nethirleisk .

George erll off Erroll .

Submission anent the merchis of Slaynis and Kynmundy.² —(A.D. 1587.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc instrumentum pateat quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo octuagesimo septimo / mensis

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

² [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines.]

An agreement was concluded between the parties, at Kynmundy, on the fifth of April, 1588, "befor thir witnessis Alexander master of Livingston, William Turing of Foverin, Alexander Hay in Ardmakorn, Maister Robert Paip and John Borg notaris publict." (Copy at Slaines.)

A like contract of marches was made "at Slaynes the third day of November the yelr of God

vero Nouembris die vigesimo sexto . In nostrorum connotariorum et testium subscriptorum presenciis . Personaly compeirit ane nobil and mighty lord Francis erle of Erroll lord Hay etc. and ane honorabil man John Gordon of Pitlurg and submittit them to a nobil and potent lord George earle of Huntly lord Gordon and Badenoch as judge mutually chosen to march the debateable landis betuixt the landis of Slaynis and Cruden perteing to the said Francis earle of Erroll and the said John Gordonis landis of Kynmundy and Kinknokie . And this done at Slaynis in the said Earles inner chamber in the stair of the samen about an hour efter noon . Befor thir witnes honorabill men Alexander maister of Levingstoun / Patrik Gordon of Auchindoun knyght / John Lesslie of Balquhyn / John Hay of Ury / Alexander Hay of Tenyfield / John Borg and Maister John Robertson notaris .

Service on Knappernay.¹—(A.D. 1672.)

February 28, 1672 . Special service of John Menzeis as nearest heir of his father Thomas Menzies of Balgowny second son of Thomas Menzies of Balgowny in . . . one eighth part of two ploughs of the lands of Knappernay . . . and in one eighth part of two ploughs of the lands of Crawley . . . with the croft belonging to these lands occupied by John Bruce with the pertinents thereof and tithes lying within the barony and parish of Slayns and sheriffdom of Aberdeen . . . held in chief of Gilbert earl of Erroll . . . for the annual payment of one penny Scots . . .

ane thousand sex hundreth and twa yeiris, betuix the right noble and potent lord Francis earle of Errol lord Hay and Great Constable of Scotland proprietor of the landis and baronie of Slaynis and of the landis of Stainniehill Adle and Moreseat pertinents of the said baronie on the ane pairt / and the right honourabil Andro Frazer of Stannlewod proprietor of the landis of Kynmundy and landis of Saok and Denis pertinents thair of on the other pairt." (Copy at Slaines.)]

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the same day, the same John Menzies was served heir to Gilbert Menzies his uncle in equal shares of the same lands. (Id.)]

Service on Slanis, etc.¹ —(A.D. 1705.)

April 24, 1705 . Special service of Charles earl of Erroll as nearest heir of his father John earl of Erroll lord Hay and Slaines Great Constable of Scotland in . . . the honor title and dignity of Earl of Erroll Lord Hay and Slaines and Great Constable of Scotland And also in . . . the lordship and barony of Slaines office of Constable fore-said with thereof along with the patronages of the churches of the parishes of Turreff and Cruden . . . castles towers forts manor places mills fishings as well in salt as in fresh water . . . the lands of Leask and Garnhill lying in the parish of Slaines the lands of Artrochies Tippetie and Tartie in the parish of Logie the lands of Little Arnadgie in the parish of Ellon the lands of Pittmedden and mill of Torrie in the parish of Udny the lands of Wester Auchquharnie and Earleseat in the parish of Crouden the lands of Kininmonth lands of Haddo and Rattray in the parish of Crimmond and shire of Aberdeen and lands of Elsick in the parish of Fetteresso and shire of Kincardyn along with the . . . advocation and donation of church benefices and chaplenaries all lying in the lordship and barony of Slaines And also in . . . the lands and barony of Essilmont comprehending the lands of Crostaine Cairnhill Chapelthouse of Esselmont small mill of Esselmont dominical lands of Esselmont with tower fort manor place thereof the lands of Bowrhill Woolaw Fortrie and Grays Fortrie alias Fairlie and mill thereof with salmon fishings on the water of Ythan lying in the parish of Ellon the towns and lands of Aberdour Airdlawhill Killiequharne mill of Aberdour Cullerlie and Pennan lying in the parish of Aberdour with . . . the manor places houses . . . all lying in the barony of Eselmont and shire of Aberdeen . . . And also . . . the lands and barony of Crimond with castle tower fort and manor place thereof therein comprehending the dominical lands of Crimond and mill thereof the lands of Crimond park Blairmormonth Cairnekempsie Tilliekeirries the lands of Crimondhayhills with the meal mill thereof the lands of Crimondgorth with the meal mill thereof and pendicle called Lochhills the lands of Crimmond-

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

mogat with the meal and dye mills thereof the lands of Cairnlob Chaurahill Cairnis Blairquhatten and Berriebrae all lying in the parishes of Crimond and Longmay . . . with the . . . patronage of the benefice rectorial and vicarage of the parish church of Crimond . . . all lying in the barony of Crimond and shire of Aberdeen . . . Also in . . . the lands and barony of Delgatie therein comprehending . . . the dominical lands of Delgatie with the manor place . . . meal and dye mills . . . the lands of Udoch Coupland Udoch called the dominical lands of Udoch and manor place thereof with the flower gardens etc. and their pertinents called Overhiltoun the land of Crosswoodhill otherwise called Ledmuir the towns and lands of Burnsyde and Laverock hillock the sunny half of the lands of Greenness and the half of the town and lands of Balquhynochie as the same is divided from the other half thereof belonging to William Gordon along with the mill of Udoch mill lands . . . with the superiority of the shady half of the lands of Ardein with the pertinents lying in the parish of Turreff and shire of Aberdeen . . . And likewise the town and lands of Meikle and Litle Auchrys with the tower fort manor place etc. and pertinents thereof the town and lands of Netherwood and Hairmoss the lands of the shady half of Greenness with the outsetts of Litle Auchrys called Tewthar and Grayston mill of Hairmoss mill lands and astrict multures thereof And also . . . the towns and lands of Over and Nether Kinminities and Corssgeldie and those two ploughs of lands of Delgatie commonly called the old corn garden of Delgatie . . . the lands of Muriefauld . . . Assogills mill thereof mill lands . . . Hilltoun of Aschogill . . . Whytrashies Wraes Skatertie Claymyres along with the salmon fishing on the water of Doveran . . . And also . . . one annual rent of forty-four pounds Scots leviabie from the foresaid lands of Delgatie . . . all lying in the barony of Delgatie parishes of Turreff and Montwhiter . . . And also in . . . the towns and lands of Leasyde Haughmuir Lyes Ross Chapellbill Polcalk Cassingray and Gourdies lying in the shires of Fyf and Perth . . . Also in . . . the towns and lands of Rainiestoun and manor place thereof with the mill of Rainiestoun mill lands and mill belonging to the same . . . lying in the parish of Logiebuchan and shire of Aberdeen . . . Further in . . . the lands and barony of Montblarie . . . with the tithes . . . rectorial and vicarage . . . lying in the parishes of Alva and Forglen

and shire of Banff And also in . . . the lands of Turreff and Knockinsh . . . Hillhead and Knockiemill with the mill of Turreff mill lands . . . lying in the parish of Turreff and shire of Aberdeen . . . And likewise in . . . the regality of Slaines with jurisdiction to said free regality of and and justiciary And in . . . the burgh of regality of Meikletoun of Slaines . . . and two free [markets] . . . for the space of three days running And also in one free port and naval station called Sanclarnaws in Kirktown of Slaines . . . specified in the charter of erection under the great seal . . . given at Kensingtoun 29 March 1699 . . . Which foresaid lordship and barony of Slaines office of Constabulary and others in said lordship and barony of Slaines are held of the Queen in free blench for yearly payment of one pair of spurs of gold in name of blench farm if asked only Which lands and barony of Esselmont . . . are held of the Queen in free blench for yearly payment of one penny Scots and one rose at the feast of St. John the Baptist on the ground of any part of said lands in name of free blench if asked only Which lands and barony of Crimond . . . Which lands and barony of Delgatie . . . Which said lands of Leaside Haughmuir Leyes Ross Chapelhill Polcalk Casingray and Gourdies . . . Which said lands of Rainiestoun . . . Which lands and barony of Mountblairie are held of the Queen in taxed ward . . . Which free regality free and justiciary burgh of regality markets places and naval port are held of the Queen in free blench for the administration of justice in these offices and for payment of six pence Scots yearly . . . Which said lands of Turreff Knockinsh Hillhead and Knockiemill with the mill of Turreff and pertinents are held of the Queen as coming in room and place of the late rectors of Turreff for yearly payment of three pounds at two terms of the year . . .

IN THE PRESBYTERY OF ABERDEEN.

PARISH OF OLD ABERDEEN OR SAINT MACHAR.¹

Anent the complaynt of Maister Nicholl of Cumnok apone Maister Ingrem Lindissay that he purchest in the court of Rome ane pensione out of the denry of Abirdene.² —(26 May, 1424.)

Item anent the complaynt that Maister Nicholl of Cumnok maide apone Maister Ingrem Lindissay that he purchest in the court of Rome ane pensione out of the denry of Abirdene in dismembring of his benefice and

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 231-234.]

² [From the Acts of the Parliaments of Scotland, vol. ii., p. 16.]

In 1499, Bishop Elphinstone united the teinds of the deanery of Setone, and the lately erected new town of Old Aberdeen, with its vicarage, to his university of Aberdeen, ordaining the vicar to be a graduate or bachelor in canon law, who should constantly read in that faculty. (*Fasti Aberdonenses*, pp. 29, 30.) The prebend of the church of St. Mary *ad nives*, or the Snow Church, erected by the Bishop, was assigned, by his first foundation of the King's College, to the grammarian. (*Ibid.*, p. 55.) But this prebend with its manse, being vacant by the death of Mr. John Lindsay, licentiate in canon law, was, on the sixteenth day of June, 1513, conferred by the Bishop on Mr. Henry Spittale, licentiate in law, who had been elected to the office of regent in the faculty of canon law by the rector, principal, and other masters of the college. (*Ibid.*, p. 73.) The next holder of this prebend, with the office of reader in canon law, was Alexander Louson, bachelor in the decrees, who was collated to it on the twenty-second day of May, 1516. (*Ibid.*, p. 75.) By his second foundation, Bishop Elphinstone finally assigned this prebend, with its houses and garden, to the doctor in canon law, under reservation, however, of a yearly pension of five marks out of its revenues to the grammarian. (*Ibid.*, p. 87.) The benefice of the subchanter of the cathedral, called the rectory and vicarage of Spittale, was united to the College on the tenth day of September, 1574, by King James VI., in order to increase its revenues. For the same reason, that monarch, in 1579, granted to the College the deanery of Aberdeen and the rectory and vicarage of the parish church of St. Machar, annexed to the deanery, which had been resigned in favour of the College by Robert Maitland the last dean, with the reservation only of his liferent; and in 1583, the King united to this parish church the parsonages and vicarages of the kirks of Snaw and Spittal, giving power to the members of the College to employ the materials of the ruinous fabrics of these churches in repairing the cathedral church. (*Ibid.*, pp. 130, 132.) An Act of Parliament, passed in 1617, provided that the principal of the College, who had previously served the cure of the church of St. Machar, should be dean of Aberdeen, and that the subprincipal should be subchanter. (*Ibid.*, p. 140, 142.) The patronage as well of the

in gret hindering of him Forthi the parliament thinkis that sik purchasing of pensionys and dismembring of beneficis ar agane the cours of common lawe and rycht inconuenient to be tholit in the kynrik That the King gif inhibicione and commandment to the Bischope of Sanctandris the quhill is juge delegate in this causs that he suspende his process quhill the King may consale the Pape in this mater The quhill inhibicionne our Lorde the King maide to the Bischope in the parliament And the King gaif bidding to the saide Maister Ingrem Lindissay that he sulde nocht procede na ferther in this mater

*Concessio Regia Episcopo Aberdonensi et Civitati de Ald Aberdone.*¹ —
A.D. 1459.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxvi. Decembris . j^m. cccc. lxxxix. . Rex (pro singulari devocione quam gessit erga Beatam Virginem Mariam patronam ecclesie cathedralis Aberdonensis ac pro speciali favore zelo et dilectione que habuit erga Willelmum de Elphinstoun ejusdem modernum episcopum et pro suis fidei et gratuito servicio magnisque laboribus ac compluribus expensis et in parte recompensacionis earundem diversis temporibus in legacionibus et ambassiatibus ad Francie et Anglie Reges et Burgundie et Austrie Ducem ac ad partes alias necnon in servicio Regis infra regnum Scocie pro republica et tranquillitate ejusdem) ratificavit et cum avisa-mento consilii sui de novo ad manum mortuam confirmavit omnes dona-

first charge of this parish, as of the second, was sold to the Earl of Fife in 1766-69. (Evidence taken up by the Commissioners for visiting the Universities of Scotland, vol. iv., p. 201.)

The Hospital of St. Peter, in later times called the Spittal, was founded by Bishop Mathew Kyninmond, who ruled the See of Aberdeen from the year 1172 to the year 1199. This Bishop conferred upon the hospital the lands of Ardschelly and Petenderlyn, Carnakerde, and Ardonachyn, and the land round the hospital, with all the teinds of his lordship of Aberdeen, except those assigned to the clergy of the cathedral. (*Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. i., p. 11.) Bishop Henry Lychtoun, in the year 1427, on the allegation that the revenues of this foundation had been misapplied, diverted them to the support of his own table, and to the maintenance of two chaplains, who were to serve in St. Peter's Chapel in the cathedral; and this alteration was sanctioned by Pope Eugenius IV. in the year 1436. (*Id.*, vol. i., pp. 226, 228.) In the year 1446, an assise fixed the marches between the hospital lands and the lands of Cotton, belonging to the bishop. (*Id.*, vol. i., p. 244.) Two of the perpetual chaplains of the cathedral drew twenty merks from the revenues of this hospital. (*Id.*, vol. ii., p. 67.)]

¹ [From the *Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli*, lib. xii., no. 168, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

ciones et fundaciones per predecessores suos dominos aut barones vel quascunque alias personas ante confectionem presentis carte sue factas episcopis et prelati ac ecclesie cathedrali Aberdonensi de quibuscunque terris annuis redditibus etc. cum omnibus privilegiis immunitatibus etc. quibuscunque ad hujusmodi spectantibus . Tenendas in puram elemosinam Concessitque quod raptores et violatores dictarum immunitatum capi-antur in indictamentis Regis per clericos justicie et crimen per illos commissum pro puncto sui delictaminis in futuris reputetur et delinquentes pro eodem ad mortem punientur Ac etiam concessit predicto Wilhelmo Elphinstoun episcopo Aberdonensi suisque successoribus ac capitulo et canonicis dicte ecclesie privilegium quecunque victualia vina aut alias mercancias infra portum de Aberdene seu extra eundem apportata a quibuscunque ligeis Regis seu extraneis aliorum regnorum illuc advenientibus ad suorum domiciliorum sustentaciones honestas emendi et easdem mercancias iterum vendendi etc. Ac insuper quia Regi suoque consilio per antiqua registra regni et alias constabat David Scotorum regem gloriosissimum infeodasse canoniam de Aberdone vulgariter nuncupatam le Ald Aberdone in Sedem Episcopalem et Civitatem in perpetuum cum omnibus juribus etc. ad civitatem spectantibus Rex ipsam canoniam de Aberdone declaravit sic infeodatam fuisse et eandem etiam de novo infeodavit . Et pro majori firmitate ac clariore libertate predictę Civitatis et pro utilitate quiete et necessaria sustentacione prefati episcopi et successorum ac capituli canonicorum etc. apud dictam Civitatem et villam de le Ald Aberdone residencium creavit et fecit eandem Civitatem et villam de le Ald Aberdone in unum liberum burgum in baronia . Concessit etiam Rex inhabitantibus etc. plenariam potestatem emendi et vendendi etc. et dicto episcopo et suis successoribus potestatem annuatim ballivos serjandos et alios officarios pro regimine ejusdem burgi necesarios eligendi et quod sint burgenses in eisdem et quod crucem et forum habeant et teneant et diem fori singulis ebdomadis in die Lune et nundinas publicas singulis annis unam videlicet in Cena Domini ante Pascham vulgariter nuncupata Skyre Thursday aliam vero in die Sancti Luce Evangeliste et per octavas ejusdem cum tholoneis etc. Tenendas omnes et singulas terras etc. cum capella brevia deliberandi predicto episcopo de Rege et suis successoribus in puram elemosinam et ad manum mortuam . Neonon tenendam predictam Civitatem et villam in

civitatem ac in liberum burgum in baronia . Faciendo Regi et successoribus oracionum suffragia devotarum tantum . Testibus Roberto episcopo Glasguensi Georgio episcopo Dunkeldensi Willelmo episcopo Aberdonensi Colino comite de Ergile . . . cancellario Patricio comite de Bothvile . . . magistro hospicii Willelmo comite de Erole . . . constabulario regni Johanne domino Glammys Johanne domino Drummond justiciariis Alexandro Hume de eodem magno camerario Andrea domino Gray Laurentio domino Oliphant Willelmo domino Sancti Johannis thesaurario Johanne priore monasterii Sancti Andree secreti sigilli custode Alexandro Inglis archidiacono Sancti Andree Ricardo Murhede decano Glasguensi rotulorum et registri ac consilii clerico Archibaldo Quhitlaw subdecano Glasguensi secretario .

Ratificatio suprascripte concessionis. ¹ —(A.D. 1498.)

Apud Linlithgow . xxi. Augusti . j^m. cccc. lxxxviii. . Rex post generalem revocationem etc. memorie reduxit quod sibi suoque consilio per antiqua registra et alias evidenter luculenterque constat quondam David Scottorum Regem infeodasse villam de Abirdene cum bondis et pertinentiis vulgariter nuncupatam Auld Abirdone in Sedem Episcopalem et Civitatem Ipsamque villam reputavit et declaravit Rex sic infeodatum esse et fuisse et eandem eciam de novo in Civitatem et Universitatem infeodavit cum omnibus juribus etc. pro singulari favore etc. erga Willelmum de Elphinstoune ejusdem ecclesie cathedralis modernum episcopum secreti sigilli custodem et pro magnis laboribus et expensis suis . . . in regio servicio diversimodi factis . . . de novo creavit et infeodavit dictam villam de Auld Abirdone in Civitatem et Universitatem ac in unum liberum burgum in baronia imperpetuum et concessit Rex plenariam potestatem emendi et vendendi in dicto burgo vina etc. necnon ut in dicto burgo sint burgenses prepositus ballivi etc. et concessit dicto Episcopo et suis successoribus libertatem annuatim predictum prepositum etc. eligendi et quod habeant

¹ [From the *Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli*, lib. xlii., no. 824, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin. For another copy of this grant, see the *Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. ii., p. 808; and for the grant of the town of Old Aberdeen to the Bishopric, see the bull of Pope Adrian IV., and the spurious charters of King Malcolm, in the same book, vol. i., pp. 4, 5, etc.]

crucem et forum in eodem et diem fori singulis ebdomadis in die Lune et nundinas publicas singulis annis unam videlicet in Cena Domini ante Pascha vulgariter nuncupata Skyrfurisdai aliam in die Sancti Luce Euan- geliste et per octavas earundem cum omnibus theoloniis etc. Testibus Jacobo archiepiscopo Sancti Andree Roberto archiepiscopo Glasguensi Willelmo episcopo Abirdonensi Georgio comite de Huntlie Archibaldo comite de Ergile Archibaldo comite Angusie Patricio comite de Boith- vill Alexandro domino Hume Johanne domino Drummond Johanne priore Sancti Andree Georgio abbate de Dunfermling Henrico abbate de Cambuskynneth Roberto Lundy de Balgony Ricardo Murhede Ro- berto de Fontibus archidiacono Sancti Andree Magistro Waltero Drum- mond decano Dunblanensi rotulorum et registri ac consilii clerico .

Carta Alexandro de Keth.¹—(A.D. 1391.)

Robertus etc. omnibus etc. . Sciatis nos . . . carta nostra confirmasse dilecto et fideli nostro Alexandro de Keth . filio . . . de Grandowne . Auchmolyn . Prosly / Crabistone et Balmady cum per . . . infra dictum vicecomitatum . Concessimus eciam eidem Alexandro . . . Quasquidem omnes prenominate terras cum pertinentiis et piscaciones . . . tanea voluntate sua in presencia plurium regni nostri procerum per fustum et . . . Tenendas . . . omnes dictas terras cum piscacionibus et perti- nentiis . . . legitime procreandis . . . Quibus forte deficientibus Willelmo de Keth filio na . . . masculis de corpore suo legitime procreandis . Quibus forte deficientibus propinqui . . . de Keth de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo . . . sui ut premittitur talliati seruicia debita et consueta . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre . . . in Xpo patribus . . . Waltero et Matheo Sancti Andree et Glasguensis ecclesiarum episcopis Roberto comite de Fif . . . de Douglas comite eiusdem domino Galwidie consanguineo nostro . Jacobo de Douglas . domino de Dalket . . . dilectis militibus . et Alexandro de Cocburne de Langton . custode magni sigilli nostri apud Sconam duo . . . primo .

¹ [From the Registrum Magni Sigilli, p. 193, no. 1.]

Confirmacio duarum cartarum Patricij de Ogilvy ¹ —(A.D. 1428.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos duas cartas . . . intellexisse ad plenum / quarum prime carte tenor sequitur et est talis // OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Alexander de Keth miles dominus de Grandoun Salutem in Domino sempiternam Vestra nouerit vniuersitas me zelo dilectionis naturalis dedisse . . . dilecto genero meo Patricio de Ogilvy filio et heredi Alexandri de Ogilvy vicecomitis de Angus totas et integras terras meas baronie de Downe cum suis pertinentiis iacentes infra vicecomitatum de Banff ac etiam totum et integrum dominium meum de Grandone iacens infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene / Tenendas . . . dicto Patricio et Cristiane sponse sue filie mee ac eorum diucius viuenti et heredibus inter eosdem legitime procreatis seu procreandis / quibus vero deficientibus heredibus ipsius Cristiane de corpore suo legitime procreandis / quibus forte deficientibus heredibus ipsius Patricij legitimis quibuscunque / de domino nostro Rege imperpetuum libere quiete . . . Faciendo inde . . . seruicium . . . debitum et consuetum . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte mee sigillum meum est appensum apud Perth decimo quarto die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo decimo tercio hijs testibus Johanne de Ogilvy domino eiusdem Ricardo Luffell domino de Ballumby / Alexandro Berclay domino de Grantuly Alexandro de Morauia domino de Glasvell Johanne de Strathachyn de Carmyly scutiferis Willelmo de Kynard burgensi de Perth Domino Johanne de Barry capellano notario publico cum multis alijs . . . Secunde vero carte tenor sequitur et est talis / OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Alexander de Keth miles dominus de Grandoun . Salutem in Domino sempiternam Vestra nouerit vniuersitas me zelo dilectionis naturalis dedisse . . . dilecto genero meo Patricio de Ogilvy filio et heredi Alexandri de Ogilvy vicecomitis de Angus totas et integras terras meas dominij de Fothirleter cum pertinentiis iacentes infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene / Tenendas . . . predicto Patricio et Cristiane sponse sue filie mee ac eorum diucius viuenti et heredibus inter eosdem legitime procreatis seu procreandis / quibus vero deficientibus here-

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. II., no. 110. MS. Gen. Reg. House.]

dibus ipsius Cristiane de corpore suo legitime procreandis / quibus vero deficientibus heredibus ipsius Patricij legitimis quibuscunque de domino nostro Rege pro perpetuo / libere quiete . . . Faciendo inde . . . seruicium . . . debitum et consuetum . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti *carte* mee sigillum meum est appensum apud Perth decimo quarto die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo decimo tercio hiis testibus Johanne de Ogilvy de eodem Ricardo Lufell domino de Ballumby / Alexandro Berclay domino de Grantuly Alexandro de Morauia domino de Glasuell Johanne de Strathachyne domino de Carmyly scutiferis Willelmo de Kynarde burgensi de Perth Domino Johanne Barry capellano notario publico cum multis aliis // QUASQUIDEM cartas . . . imperpetuum confirmamus . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti *carte* nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus / testibus reuerendo in Xpo patre Johanne episcopo Glasguensi cancellario nostro Magistro Willelmo Foulis nostri priuati sigilli custode Johanne Forestarij camerario Waltero de Ogilvy thesaurario regni nostri militibus apud Aberdene secundo die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo octauo et regni nostri vicesimo tercio .

*Carta Comitum Buchanie de terris de Balmaddy.*¹—(A.D. 1475.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Jacobus comes Buchquhanie dominus de Ouchterhouss et baro baronie de Grandone salutem . . . Noueritis nos cum consensu . . . carissime sponse nostre Margarete Ogiluy dediasse . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto et confidenti consanguineo nostro Jacobo Innes de eodem omnes et singulas terras nostras de Balmaddy jacentes in dicta baronia nostra de Grandome infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . Tenendas . . . terras predictas cum pertinen-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Innes charter chest at Floors Castle.

On the first day of June, 1504, Margaret Ogiluy, the widow of James Earl of Buchan, was found entitled to her terce out of the lands of Allathane, the town and lands of Grandone, Persly, Crabstoun, the Aylehouss of Carnetrailzeane, the Mais of Glencuthill and mill, and the lands of Auchmedane, Petnacadill, and Glenhouss. On the thirteenth day of January, 1506, the terce of these lands of Grandon, Perslie Crabstone, and the aillhouss of Cairnetrailzeane, was adjudged by a jury to Margaret Ruthvane, the widow of Alexander earl of Buchane. (*Liber Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem.)]

tiis dicto Jacobo heredibus suis et suis assignatis de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis heredibus nostris et nostris assignatis seruitium debitum et consuetum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum huic presenti carte nostre est appensum unacum sigillo dicte sponse nostre pro eius consensu apud Ouchterhouss vigesimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quarto .

Carta David Symson.¹ —(A.D. 1480.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Duncanus Sanchar dominus de Murcroft . . . salutem . Noueritis me dedisse . . . prouido viro David Symson burgensi burgi de Aberdene totas et integras terras meas vulgariter nuncupatas de Berehillis . . . jacentes in baronia de Polgony in dominio de Muircroft infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . . . Tenendas . . . in feodo et hereditate . . . Reddendo . . . unum denarium argenti . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee est appensum apud Abirdene vicesimo quinto die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo Testibus honorabilibus viris Alexandro Howysone Duncano Smytht Thoma Symson Johanne Kythne Dominis Eduardo Roberti et Roberto Leis capellano et notario publico .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen. These lands are said to have been granted to Edward, bishop of Aberdeen, by King Malcolm; but the charter is undoubtedly spurious.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 4.) Under the name of Murcroft, or Murrod, they were confirmed to the See of Aberdeen, by Pope Adrian IV. in 1157.—(Id., vol. i., pp. 5, 84.) In the year 1256, these lands, with the church of the Kirkton, were assigned to the benefice of the deanery.—(Id., vol. ii., p. 39.) In the year 1446, an assise fixed the marches between these lands and the lands of Scottistoun.—(Id., vol. i., p. 245.) On the twenty-fourth day of September, 1458, Mr. Duncan Lychton, ehancellor of Aberdeen, was infeft, on a charter in his favour by Duncan Sanchar of Murcroft, in an annual rent of eight merks out of the lands of Muircroft.—(Original in the charter chest at Castle Forbes.) On the twenty-third day of June, 1492, sasine of these lands, proceeding upon a precept from Chancery, was given by Thomas Sanchar, lord of Murcroft, to Alexander Symson, son and heir of the above David Symson.—(Original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.)]

Instrumentum procurationis Alexandri Symssoun.¹—(A.D. 1498.)

Uniuersis pateat per presentes nos Alexandrum Symssoun fratrem Fratrum Predicatorum burgi de Abirdene cum consensu et assensu Prioris et Conuentus dicti loci et cum consensu Prouincialis Magistri ordinis in regno Scotie fecisse . . . honorabiles viros videlicet Johannem Elphinstoun de Pettindreich Johannem Cragingelt Willelmum Myrtoun Robertum Calenter et Robertum Wemis nostros veros . . . procuratores . . . dantes . . . dictis nostris procuratoribus . . . plenam . . . potestatem . . . ad sursum reddendum . . . totas et integras terras nostras de Beryhill . . . jacentes in baronia de Balgony et infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene in manibus Domini de Murcroft domini nostri superioris earundem . . . cum consensu et assensu dictorum Prioris et Conuentus . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum unacum sigillo communi dicti loci huiusmodi Fratrum Predicatorum de Abirdene in signum consensus et assensus dictorum Prioris et Conuentus eiusdem ac cum sigillo dicti Magistri Prouincialis apud Abirdene penultimo die mensis Julii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octauo .

Et ego frater Dauid Andree prior ratifico et approbo subscripta teste manu propria.

Et ego frater Robertus Walschot subprior similiter.

Ego frater Walterus Hwd similiter.

Et ego frater Andreas Kinlos similiter.

Et ego frater Andreas Sangster similiter.

Et ego frater Andreas Beg similiter.

Et ego frater Johannes Wode similiter.

Et ego frater Dauid Roberti similiter.

Et ego frater Alexander Symssoun similiter.

Et ego frater Alexander Andree similiter.

Et ego frater Johannes Hunter similiter.

Et ego frater Gilbertus Thome similiter.

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.

On the sixteenth day of December, 1503, Adam Hepburn of Cragis, and Elizabeth Ogstoun his spouse, granted the superiority of these lands of Beryhill to a student in the new college of the University of Aberdeen; and this grant was confirmed by the King on the sixteenth of

Inquisicio Elizabeth Ogistoun. ¹ —(A.D. 1503.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Aberdene tercio die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tercio coram nobili et potente domino Johanne comite de Crafurde domino Lindesay ac vicecomite de Aberdene in pretorio burgi de Aberdene curia capitali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Iruyne de Drum militem Willelmum Fraser de Phillortht militem Georgium Meldrum feodatorem de Fiwy Johannem Chene de Essilmond militem Alexandrum Skene de eodem Willelmum Crafurde de Federay Walterum Berclay de Towy Andream Tulideff de eodem Johannem Movat de Loscragy Willelmum Oudny de eodem Henricum Forbes de Kynellour Alexandrum Johnestoun de eodem Alexandrum Tullocht de Moncoffir Robertum Dogud de Auchnahuff Alexandrum Caldour de Synoharde Johannem Ross de Auchlossin et Johannem Dalgarno de Dalgarnoyfinteray Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Walterus Ogistoun de eodem pater Elizibeth Ogistoun latoris presencium obiit vltimo vestitus et sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris baronie de Polgovny cum suis molendinis tenentibus tenendrijs et libere tenentium seruicijs ac de terris de Shethin Ravystone et Cragy cum suis pertinencijs jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dicta Elizibeth est vna de legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti quondam Walteri patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinencijs Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre barronie de Polgovny cum suis molendinis tenendrijs et pertinencijs valent nunc per annum quinquaginta libras Et valuerunt viginti libras tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Shethin cum suis pertinencijs valent nunc per annum viginti libras Et valuerunt decim libras tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Ravystoun et Cragy valent nunc per annum duodecim libras Et value-

March following. (Fasti Aberdonenses, pp. 45, 48.) On the twenty-third day of September, 1504, Thomas Sanquhare of Murecroft resigned the lands in favour of Bishop Elphinstone, to be disposed of by him at his pleasure; and he accordingly granted them in his second foundation to his college for the support of its members, appointing five pounds to be paid out of these lands, and the lands of Mondurno, to the third student in theology, who was to bear the title of the lands from which he drew his pension. (Ibidem, pp. 49, 85, 94.)

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

runt decim marcas tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre barronie de Polgovny cum suis pertinenciis molendinis et tenendrijs ac dicte terre de Shethin cum suis pertinenciis tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium varde et relevij Et quod dicte terre de Ravystoun et Cragy cum suis pertinenciis tenentur in capite de Domino de Kynarde in alba firma Reddendo annuatim tres denarios argenti nomine albe firme Et quod dicte terre barronie de Polgovny cum pertinenciis et dicte terre de Shethin cum suis pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis ob decessum dicti patris sui per spacium quatuordecim annorum aut eocirca Et quod dicte terre de Rawystoun et Cragy cum suis pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus dicti Domini de Kynarde ratione decessus dicti patris sui per spacium quatuordecim annorum aut eocirca in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis Datum et clausum sub sigillo dicti vicecomitis ac sigillis quorundam qui huic inquisitioni intererant faciente anno die mense et loco prenotatis .

Concessio Regia Ade Hepburne de Cragis ejusque sponse.¹ —(A.D. 1503.)

Apud Edinburghe . xvij. Novembris j^m. ccccc. iij. . Rex concessit Ade Hepburne de Cragis et Elizabethhe Ogistoune ejus sponse et eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus suis inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquiorebus heredibus dicte Elizabethhe quibuscunque terras et baroniam de Polgony cum tenentibus etc. et molendinis earundem et terras de Schethin et Litill Meldrum cum molendino earundem ac davatam terrarum de Fin-gasg unacum cimba sive batella piscarie in portu de Pettindrome in Buchania infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas dicta Elizabetha cum consensu dicte Ade et Joneta Ogistoune soror ejus in pura virginitate sua filie et heredes quondam Walteri Ogistoune de eodem resignaverunt et quas Rex (pro favoribus etc. et bono gratuitoque servicio dicte Ade) baronie de Polgony univit et incorporavit . Reddendo annuatim Regi communem sectam in curiis vicecomitatus de Abirdene et wardam relevium et maritagium cum contigerint .

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xlv., no. 48, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

*Confirmatio Regia altari Sancti Diuinici et Vulnerum Jhesu Cristi in ecclesia cathedrali Abirdonensi.*¹ —(A D. 1508.)

Apud Edinburghe . xx. Februarii . j^m. ccccc. vij. . Rex ad manum mortuam confirmavit cartam Adami Hepburne de Cragis in qua [concessit] in puram elimosinam ad sustentacionem capellani ad altare Sancti Diuinici et Vulnerum Jhesu Cristi in ecclesia cathedrali Abirdonensi per Magistrum Alexandrum Cabell rectorem de Banchory Diuinik fundatum annum redditum decem librarum de terris de Murecroft in baronia de Polgowny infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . Testibus Willelmo comite Erolie domino Hay et magno Constabulario Scocie Thoma Hay de Logy Magistro Willelmo Lyounne Magistro David Hay Willelmo Hay de Mouchale et Andrea Strathauchin . Apud Edinburghe . xvij. Februarii j^m. ccccc. vij.

Sasina terrarum baronie de Polgony data Johanni Hepburne. ² —(A.D. 1513.)

Jacobus Logane Willelmus Sinolare et Alexander Cokburne in Clerkyn-toune vicecomites de Aberdene in hac parte respondebunt pro quadragentaquinque libris de firmis terrarum baronie de Polgony termini Sancti Martini vltimo preteriti existentis in manibus Regis sasina non recuperata / que firme se extendunt annuatim ad nonagenta libras Et pro duobus denarijs argentj per duplicacionem albe firme earundem Regi debitjs per sasinam datam Johanni Hepburne de eisdem xxvij^o. Nouembris anno regni Regis primo .

¹ [From the *Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli*, lib. xiv., no. 470, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin. This annual rent was granted to the chaplain, on condition of his being bound after mass to sprinkle the tomb of the founder to be erected at the above altar with consecrated water, repeating, at the same time, the psalm "DE PROFUNDIS." (*Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. I., p. 853.)]

² [From the General Register House]

The Kingis Grace reuocatioun of George Auchinlek infeftment de nouo damus.¹ —(A.D. 1580.)

Apud Dunnottar xxii. Junij anno etc. lxxx^o.

Sederunt.

Rex.

Leuenax.

Montroise.

Mar.

Dunfermling.

Deir.

Sanctcolmis Inche.

Red past and allowit in counsall sittand

Joannes Andro.

At Dunnottar the xxii. day of Junij the yeir of God m. v^o. fourescoir yeiris anent the supplicatioun presentit to the Kingis Maiestie and lordis of secreit counsale be the provest counsale and communitie of the burght of Abirdene makand mentioun that quhair his Hienes progenitour King Robert of gude memorie quha restis with God sumtyme beand within the said burght persaving the barrenness and sterilitie of the ground quhair the said burght is situat and the gret honestie thair of togidder with the fervent lufe schawin be thame to his Hienes and his progenitouris then and at all tymes of befoir/Considdering alsua thair bauld manheid in the recouering and destroying of the strong castell biggit and mantenit thair be the Englistmen sumtyme for danting and suppressing of the burght and

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.

Robert Bowes, the English ambassador to the Scotch court, writing from Berwick on the ninth of July, 1580, to Lord Burghley and Sir Francis Walsingham, tells them that "Lennox greatnes is exceedingly increased, and the King so much affectioned to him as he is onely delighted with his company; and thereby he carryeth the sway, obteyning greate favor amongst the borowghes by the comendacion of their sutes to the Kinge, and specially in Aberdeine, where he procured the King's revocacion of the fishing graunted by thearle of Moreton in his regencie to George Aphlick his servant, and which fishing the King gave to the towne of Abirdene at the sute of Lennox for the townesmen."—(Correspondence of Robert Bowes, p. 84. Sar-tees Soc. 1842.)]

cuntrie / vpoun thir respectis dotit the said burght and communitie thair of
of his bountifull liberalitie and clemencie . . . with ane pece of
ground callit the Stokkat adiacent to the burght and the salmound
fischeingis of the same burght vpoun the wattris of Dey and Done
for yeirlie payment to his Grace and his successouris of thre hundreth
and tuentie merkis usuale money of this realme in name of feu-
ferme . . . According to the quhilk thay and thair predicessouris hes
peciabillic bruikit . . . the saidis salmound fischeingis . . . continewallie
. . . without impediment . . . quhill laitlie within thir five yeris last
bipast that George Auchinlek of Balmano havand the landis of Polgony
and Murcour liand contigue to the salmound fischeingis of Done on the
north and northeist side of the saidis fischeingis purchest ane pretendit
new infetment of the saidis landis including thairin salmound fischeing
per modum de nouo damus . . . maist wranguslie purchest and gevin be
his moder broder the Erll of Mortoun then being regent . . . to the gret
dampnage . . . of his Hienes the commvnite forsaide and thair posterite
. . . in sa far . . . thay and thair successouris will be debarrit . . . fra
all salmound fischeing on that watter . . . in respect he pretendis his
said new fischeing to be betuix thame and the sea and in the sey forganis
the wattir mouth of Done thair scarring and debarring of the salmound
fischis with cobillis aris and nettis stopping thame to entir in the wattir
and thairby chaissing of thame agane in the mayne sey to the saidis pro-
vest counsale and commvniteis vtter heirschip and wrak seing that with-
out the industrie and commodite of salmound na burght nor inhabitant
of burght could weill be thair be desert solitude . And as concerning his
Hienes pairt . . . they can not be abill to pay the yeirlie feuferme . . .
Mairowir his Maiestie will inlaik the yeirlie . . . custume of the sal-
mound fische . . . for the maist speciall . . . custume of the said burgh
consistis in the custume of salmound yeirlie as the cheker comptis tes-
tifiis . Quhilk being . . . considerit . . . his Maiestie . . . with aise
of the lordis of his secreit counsale revoikis and dischairgis the said new
infetment of de nouo damus sa far as the samin extendis . . . to the
saidis fischeingis allanerlie . . .

James R.

Montroiss.

Deir.

Service on Balgouny. ¹ —(A.D. 1684.)

June 18, 1684 . Special service of William Menzies as nearest heir of his father Francis Menzies of Balgouny in . . . the town and lands of Balgouny . . . the town and lands of Westfield . . . the town and lands of Murcurr . . . the meal mill of Murcurr and Balgouny otherwise called Kethocksmill . . . the fullers mill of Balgouny the mill lands of said mills respectively . . . and with . . . their houses . . . and pertinents along with the . . . right of patronage of the altar of the chaplenry of St. Dominic [*l. Deunic*] situated within the cathedral church of Old Aberdeen with the special privilege . . . to the said Francis Menzies his heirs male and tailie and their assignees whomsoever of having and holding fishing boats one or more on any place or part very expedient and usual on the water of Don next adjacent to said lands for taking white fishes in the sea . . . all lying in the barony of Balgouny parish of St. Machar and shire of Aberdeen . . . and incorporated into one whole and free barony . . . to be called the barony of Balgouny . . . Also in . . . the towns and lands of Cairnfield with the tower fort manor place . . . and pertinents . . . with full and hereditary liberty . . . of . . . selling . . . and carrying away . . . from the mosses and of Denstown . . . the peats sods turfs . . . all lying in the parish of St. Machar and shire of Aberdeen and likewise in . . . the fishing of the half of one of the nets of salmon fishing on the water of Don along with the . . . pertinents of the same used and wont lying within the liberty of the burgh of Aberdeen and shire thereof Which whole lands and barony of Balgouny . . . are held in chief of the King and his successors in whole and free barony fee and heritage perpetually Which whole towns and lands of Cairnfield . . . are held in chief of the principal and sub-principal and other masters and members of the King's College of Aberdeen in feu farm and heritage perpetually for yearly payment to . . . their common procurators . . . of . . . of the sum of four pounds Scots of new feu farm . . .

¹ [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

Service on Lochhills and Perwinnes, etc.¹ —(A.D. 1693.)

February 24, 1693 . Special service of Ann Irvine spouse of Henry Panton now of Hiltoun as nearest heiress of her father Francis Irvine of Hiltoun in . . . the half of the salmon fishing on the water of Don below and above on each side of the bridge of Don (called the bridge of Balgownie) near the city of Old Aberdeen with the profits and pertinents thereof lying in the shire of Aberdeen And also . . . the town and lands of Clubsgowil with the mill thereof (called the mill of Clubsgowil) mill lands . . . and pendicles of said lands called Arieburn and Halkhillock with . . . the other . . . pertinents thereof . . . along with the salmon fishings thereof on the said water of Don and also in . . . the towns and lands of Lochhills the loch thereof commonly called the Bishop's Loch with all the houses . . . and pertinents . . . lying in the parish of St. Machar and shire of Aberdeen Also in . . . the town and lands of Perwinnes with the houses . . . and pertinents thereof lying in said parish of St. Machar and shire of Aberdeen . . . Which half of the salmon fishing on the water of Don whole lands mills mill lands salmon fishing and others . . . are now held of the King and Queen and their successors as superiors thereof in place of the Bishops of Aberdeen . . . in feu farm fee and heritage perpetually for yearly payment . . . for said half of the salmon fishing of the sum of fifty-six pounds Scots for fourteen . . . barrels of salmon yearly . . . and ten shillings Scots in augmentation of the yearly rental at two terms of the year customary . . .

Carta Rogeri de Sancto Michaelae de terra de Mundurnachin.² —(A.D. 1205–14.)

Rogerus de Sancto Michaelae omnibus amicis suis has literas visuris . . . Salutem Sciant presentes et futuri me dedisse et . . . confirmasse Deo et Beato Thome Martyri de Abirbroth et monachis ibidem Deo servienti-

¹ [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [Abridged from the *Registrum Vetust Abbacie de Aberbrothoc*, p. 54.]

bus et servituris pro salute domini mei Willelmi Regis Scotie et domine Regine et domini mei Alexandri eorum filii/et pro salute anime mee/et pro animabus predecessorum et successorum nostrorum/Mundurnachin per rectas diuicias suas/et cum omnibus iustis pertinencijs suis . Tenendum in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam . . . Ego vero et heredes mei adquietabimus predictam terram in perpetuum ab omni seruicio et auxilio et consuetudine et exactione seculari . Hijs testibus Domino Willelmo Rege Scocie/Willelmo Cumyn Philippo de Mubray/Domino Oliuero capellano Domini Regis/Willelmo de Bosco et Hugone de Sigillo clericis Domini Regis / Laurencio de Abernythe et Adam de Kyngorne / Roberto de Sancto Claro / Radulfo clerico Domine Regine et aliis pluribus .

Confirmacio Regis Willelmi super eadem terra¹ —(A.D. 1205-A.D. 1214.)

Willelmus Dei gracia Rex Scottorum . . . Sciant presentes et futuri me concessisse et . . . confirmasse Deo et Beato Thome Martiri de Abirbrothe et monachis ibidem Deo seruientibus donacionem quam Rogerus de Sancto Michael e eis fecit de terra de Mundurnache / Tenenda in liberam et perpetuam elemosinam/cum omnibus ad predictam terram iuste pertinentibus . . . salvo seruicio meo Testibus Omero archidiacono Aberdonensi / Roberto decano Aberdonensi / Oliuero capellano meo / Roberto de Londoniis filio meo / Willelmo de Bosco / Adam de Kyngorn clerico meo / David marescallo / Malcomo pincerna . apud Forfar xj^o die Junij .

Confirmacio Johannis de Sancto Michael e de Mundurnach.¹ —(Circa A.D. 1220.)

Omnibus presentes literas visuris . . . Johannes de Sancto Michael e salutem . Sciant presentes et futuri me pro amore Dei et pro salute anime mee / et animarum antecessorum et successorum meorum / concessisse et . . . confirmasse Deo et Beato Thome Martiri de Abirbrothe et monachis ibidem Deo seruientibus et seruituris / donacionem quam Rogerus de

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Vetus Abacie de Aberbrothoc, pp. 54, 55.]

Sancto Michaeli auunculus meus eis fecit de terra de Mundurnachin / Tenenda in liberam et puram et perpetuam elemosinam cum omnibus ad eandem terram iuste pertinentibus . . . Testibus Magistro Alexandro decano de Abirden / et Magistro Edwardo clerico Episcopi Abirdonensis / Johanne filio Symonis nepote meo / Petro de Hedun burgense de Abirden / Adam senescallo domini Abbatis de Abirbroth Rogero de Balkath et Nicholao de Wartria prepositis de Abirbroth et multis alijs .

Assedatio terrarum de Montdrono Andree Coke concessa.¹ — (A.D.) 1462.)

Universis pateat per presentes nos Malcolmum permissione divina abbatem monasterij Sancti Thome Martiris de Abbirbroth et ejusdem loci conventum unanimi consensu . . . assedasse et ad firmam dimisisse Andree Coke pro toto tempore sue vite totas et integras terras nostras

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Recentius Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 125.]

On the twelfth day of January, 1845, John of Boneville, knight, granted the mill of Mundurnach, with a piece of land beside it, sufficient for a house and garden, and two acres to the eastward, to his esquire Alexander Scissor, to be held for yearly payment to the church of St. Mary of Aberdeen (the cathedral) of thirteen shillings and four pence sterling. (Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 75.) An anniversary for Alexander Scissor and his wife was afterwards founded in the cathedral of Aberdeen, for which the chaplains drew yearly thirteen shillings and fourpence from the mill, or from the town of Little Mondournay. (Id., vol. ii., p. 217.) On the second day of August, 1457, Henry Herry, precentor of Aberdeen, granted an annual rent of thirteen shillings and fourpence, given to him by John Banerman of Alesyk, from the lands of the mill of Mondornoch, to the chaplains of the cathedral, for performance of the usual religious services for the souls of himself and his father and mother. (Id., vol. i., p. 243.) On the fourth day of April, 1468, Andrew Allanson, burges of Aberdeen, resigned this mill, which he had acquired from John Banerman of Waterton, in favour of the chaplains of the cathedral, for the foundation of an anniversary for the souls of himself, his wife, his ancestors and his posterity. (Id., vol. i., p. 299.) On the tenth day of January, 1503-4, Andrew Elphinstoun of Selmys resigned the lands of Mill of Mindurno in favour of Bishop Elphinstoun, to be bestowed by him upon his new college of St. Mary, in the university of Aberdeen, for the support of its regents and students; and the Bishop, accordingly, on the following eighteenth day of February, assigned these lands and the mill to the students in theology—a grant which was confirmed by the King on the succeeding sixteenth day of March. (Fasti Aberdonenses, pp. 46, 48, 49.) In 1536, the Abbot of Arbroath granted a nineteen years' lease of the lands of Mondornach, lying in the barony of Fiwuen, with power to construct a mill, and with "le vrak and vair" to Alexander Guthrie of Grandon and Alexander Guthrie his eldest son, for yearly payment of six pounds thirteen shillings and eight pence Scots. (Registrum Recentius Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 528.)]

de Montdrono cum pertinentiis Termino vero introitus dicti Andree in dictis terris incipiente in festo Penthecostes datam presencium immediate sequenti . . . Solvendo inde annuatim dictus Andreas custodi domus nostre de Fywe et monachis ibidem Deo servientibus et servituris pro eorum sustentatione quinque libras sex solidos et octo denarios usualis monete regni Scotie ad duos anni terminos usuales . . . cum omnibus aliis oneribus husbandorum inde debitis et consuetis . Preterea licebit nobis et prefato custodi domus nostre de Fyvy predictas terras de Montdrono capere in manibus nostris ad usus proprios providendo tamen predicto Andree de tali et tanta assedatione durante termino supradicto . Ista assedatione in aliquo non obstante . In cujus rei testimonium sigillum commune capituli nostri presentibus est appensum apud monasterium nostrum predictum decimo die mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo secundo .

Carta venditionis a Johanne Banerman data de terris de Smythihalch nunc le Croes.¹ —(A.D. 1460.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Johannes Banerman de Alesike salutem . . . Noueritis me dedisse . . . ac vendidisse . . . honorabilibus et prouidis viris preposito balliuis consulibus burgensibus et communitati burgi de Aberdene totas et integras terras meas antiquitus nuncupatas le Smythihalch modernis diebus vocatas le Croes cum pertinenciis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . . . pro quadam certa summa pecunie quam dicti prepositus balliui et consules pro redempcione et ob impetracionem dictarum terrarum cum pertinenciis ab Edmundo Banerman filio et herede quondam Johannis Banerman dudum satisfecerunt necnon michi in mea magna . . . necessitate . . . persoluerunt in . . . pecunia numerata . . . Tenendas . . . terras predictas . . . a me et heredibus et assignatis meis de domino nostro Rege heredibus et successoribus suis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde . . . domino nostro Regi heredibus et successoribus suis seruicia de dictis terris . . . debita et consueta tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

meum presenti carte est appensum mee apud dictum burgum decimo secundo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo nono . Testibus honorabilibus prouidis et circumspectis viris Dominis et Magistris Roberto Steuart vicario dicti burgi Alexandro Yhong canonicis ecclesie Aberdonensis Alexandro Banerman germano meo Jhoanne Voket et Magistro Jhoanne Cadiou notario publico burgensibus dicti burgi cum multis et diuersis aliis .

Confirmatio Regis Jacobi III. terrarum de Cruives.¹ —(A.D. 1465.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos dedisse . . . et . . . confirmasse dilectis nostris preposito et balliuis consulibus et communitati burgi nostri de Aberdene terras de Crwuys cum pertinentiis iacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Aberdene . Quequidem terre cum pertinentiis fuerunt dilecti nostri Johannis Bannymman de Alesike hereditarie et quas idem Johannes . . . in manus nostras apud Striueline coram subscriptis testibus . . . simpliciter resignauit . . . Tenendas . . . dictas terras de Cruvis . . . de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reseruatis nobis et successoribus nostris seruiciis oneribus vtilitatibus et emolumentis de dictis terris ante dictam resignationem debitis et consuetis . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . Testibus reuerendis in Cristo patribus Andrea episcopo Glasguensi Thoma episcopo Aberdonensi dilectis consanguineis nostris Andrea domino Avandale cancellario nostro Colino comite de Ergile domino Cambell magistro hospitii nostri Gilberto domino Kennedy Johanne domino Dernle Alexandro Boide de Drumcoll Johanne de Culquhone de eodem nostrorum compotorum rotulatore militibus Magistris Daud de Guthre de Kincaldrum thesaurario nostro et Archibaldo Quhitelaw archidiacono Morauienti secretario nostro . Apud Striueline vicesimo sexto die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo quinto et regni nostri sexto .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

*Carta Regis Roberti II. burgensibus et communitati de Abyrden.*¹ —(A.D. 1379.)

Robertus Dei gratia Rex Scottorum . . . Sciatis nos dedisse . . . fidelibus nostris burgensibus et communitati burgi nostri de Abyrden totam terram tenementi de Rubbyslaw cum pertinentiis iacentem iuxta burgum nostrum de Abyrden que fuit Andree de Inchethur in libero tenemento et quam idem Andreas . . . nobis per fustum et baculum sursum reddidit . . . Tenendam . . . eisdem burgensibus et communitati ac eorum heredibus et successoribus de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate in libero burgagio . . . sicut predicti burgenses nostri predictum burgum nostrum de Abyrden de nobis et heredibus nostris . . . tenent faciendo inde annuatim unam sectam ad iter camerarie nostre infra burgum de Abyrden et Reddendo inde nobis et heredibus nostris annuatim in camera nostra . . . unum denarium argenti nomine annui redditus ad quodlibet festum Pentecostes si petatur . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre nostrum precepimus apponi sigillum Testibus venerabilibus in Xpo patribus Willelmo et Johanne cancellario nostro Sanctiandree et Dunkeldensis ecclesiarum episcopis Johanne primogenito nostro de Carriect senescallo Scotie Roberto de Fyfe et de Meneteth filio nostro dilecto Willelmo de Douglas et de Marr consanguineo nostro comitibus Jacobo de Lyndesay nepote nostro carissimo et Alexandro de Lyndesay consanguineo nostro militibus . Apud Kyndrocht in Marr vicesimo die mensis Augusti anno regni nostri nono .

*Carta Regis Jacobi IV. David Murray.*² —(A.D. 1510.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxviij. Februarii j^m. ccccc. ix. . Rex concessit David Murray burgensi de Abirdene et heredibus suis piscariam dimedietatis unius rethis in Vadis nuncupatis le Furdys aque de Dee infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . Quequidem piscaria fuit Willelmi Murray filii et

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen. Cf. Collections on the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, p. 233]

² [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xvii., no. 100, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin]

heredis apparentis dicti David et per ipsum de Rege tenta in capite in libero burgagio tanquam dependencia de Rubislaw et quam idem Willelmus resignavit . Reddendo annuatim Regi servicium dicti burghi debitum et consuetum .

Assedatione to Maister Robert Chalmer.¹ —(A.D. 1551.)

Be it kend till all men . . . us provest bailyeis counsall and communitie of the burcht of Aberdene . . . to haue sett and for maill lattin . . . to our lovit nychtbour and conburges Maister Robert Chalmer sone and aperand air to Jhonne Chalmer burges of Aberdene and to his airis and assignais malis burgessis and actual induellaris in the said burcht and to na oders all and haill ane half nettis fyschyng of the Furdis upone the vattir of Dee with the pertinentis togiddyr with the landis and toune of Hessilheid with the pertinentis usit and vont lyand vithin the fredome of the said burcht and shirrefdome of Aberdene for all the days and termes of therttene yeiris nixt and immediat following the dait of the said Maister Robert entres therewith . . . and that . . . be causs the said Maister Robert hes payit . . . to our collector in our namis his girsum and entres silver for the said half nettis fyschyng toune and landis lyk as odyr nychtbours pays for fyshyng takis in sic casis . . . quhilke half nettis fyschyng with toune and landis forsaid Jhonne Chalmers his said father had of us abefoir in tak and assedatione for the space of sevyntene yeiris of the quhilke thair is yit therttene yeiris to rene and hes payit us girsum for the samyn abefoir / quhilke therttene yeiris we have sett of new to the said Maister Robert . . . The said Maister Robert . . . payand yeirly to us or our collectors . . . the sowme of twenty-sax schillingis aucht penneis for the said half nettis of the Furdis and four markis for the said landis of Hessilheid vsuall monye of Scotland at tua termes in the yeir . . . and than failyand of paement yairof this our assedatione to be of na . . . effect fra thynfurtht . . . In witnessyng of the quhilkis to this our asse-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Aldbar.

This Mr. Robert Chalmer got a nineteen years' lease of the teinds of these lands, dated the thirtieth day of July, 1558, from Robert Erakyne, dean of Aberdeen, for payment of the yearly tack duty of five merks and a wedder, or ten shillings for the wether.—(Original at Aldbar.)]

datione subscripyit with the maist part of our counssellaris handis for the tyme we have appensit our common seill at Aberdene the xx. day of Julij the yeir of God ane thousand five hundredth fyftye ane yeir .

R. Cullan ad hec.

Thomas Menzis.

Alexander Knowls.

Thomas Chaw^r at the pen.

Resignatio Agnetis de Wynde.¹ —(A.D. 1446.)

In Dei nomine Amen . per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat . . . quod anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo sexto mensis vero Aprilis die vicesima . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentia personaliter constituta Agnes de Wynde . . . in sua pura et simplici viduitate existens . . . sursum reddidit . . . et assignauit pure et simpliciter totum jus et clameum juris que ipsa Agnes habet . . . seu habere potuit pro se et heredibus suis et suis assignatis de terris et officio subsequentiis videlicet . . . terras suas de Tulyoch et Contulioch cum pertinentiis jacentes in baronia de Cultir infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene et cum . . . terris sibi jure hereditario contingentibus jacentibus infra regalitatem de Garviach item cum terris suis de Harlaw et de una bouata terre de Ardon et [de] terris de Knokynbarde cum pertinentiis jacentibus in eadem regalitate . Item cum parte mea terrarum de Balmacuthil cum pertinentiis jacentium in baronia de Slanyis infra vicecomitatum predictum . Et etiam . . . concessit totum jus et clameum que ipsa habet in vel ad officium Mari Feodi vicecomitatus de Aberdene cum terris de Petmukstoune cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene et generaliter omnes et singulas alias terras sibi jure hereditario contingentes Thome Bissat maro feodi dicti vicecomitatus et heredibus suis et suis assignatis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . cum omnibus . . . libertatibus . . . ad dictas terras et officium spectantibus . . . De et super quibus omnibus . . . prefatus Thomas a me notario publico infrascripto sibi fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum . Acta erant hec in domo habitationis dicte Agnetis prope ecclesiam Fratrum Carmelitarum . . . presenti-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen. Cf. Collections on the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 232, 233.]

bus ibidem prouidis et honestis viris Leonardo Willelmo Pollok fratribus ordinis Carmelitarum Johanne Kyninmonde et Roberto Baroun burgensibus de Aberdene cum multis . . . aliis . . .

Et Ego Walterus de Balkancoll clericus Sanctiandree dyoceseos publicus auctoritate imperiali notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

Confirmatio regia Patricio Lesly.¹—(A.D. 1512.)

Apud Edinburghe . xix. Januarii j^m. ccccc. xi. . Rex confirmavit cartam Thome Bissat de Petmukstoune ac Mari Feodi vicecomitatus de Abirdene [in qua ad feodifirmam dimisit Patricio Lesly burgensi de Abirdene heredibus suis et assignatis terras de Petmukstoune prope aquam de Dee infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . Tenendas a dicto Thome de Rege . Reddendo annuatim capellanis chori ecclesie parrochialis Beati Nicholai de Abirdene annuum redditum duodecim mercarum pro anniversario et exequiis quondam Roberti Blinseile burgensis dicti burgi ac dicto Thome et heredibus suis annuum redditum quinque mercarum nomine feodifirme . Testibus Johanne Mar Georgio Bissat Thoma Leitht David Fynne Johanne Balcrummy burgensibus dicti burgi Johanne Chene Dominis David Lyell et Johanne Striveling capellanis ac notario publico . Apud Abirdene . vii. Decembris . j^m. ccccc. xi.]

Carta Georgij Bisset junioris et eius sponse.²—(A.D. 1521.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos cum ausamento auctoritate ac consensu Dominorum regni nostri Regentium in absencia carissimi consanguinei et tutoris nostri Johannis ducis Albanie etc. regni nostri Protectoris et Gubernatoris dedisse . . . et . . . confirmasse dilectis nostris Georgio Bisset juniore burgensi burgi nostri de Abirdene et Margarete Leslie sue sponse et ipsorum alteri diucius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione officium Mari Feodi vicecomitatus nostri de Abirdene vna cum totis et integris terris de Petmukstoune cum pertinentiis eidem

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xvii., no. 72, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xx., no. 72. MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

officio spectantibus jacentibus infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene antedictum Cuius quidem officii et quarum terrarum cum pertinentiis vna dimedietas fuit dicte Margarete tanquam vnus filiarum et heredum quondam Patricii Leslie de Petmukstoune hereditarie Et altera dimedietas earundem fuit Elizabeth Leslie alterius filiarum et heredum dicti quondam Patricii hereditarie Et quod officium et quas dictas terras dicta Margareta cum consensu et assensu dicti Georgii sponsi sui et prefata Elizabeth cum consensu et assensu Johannis Leslie sponsi sui filii et heredis apparentis Willelmi Leslie de Buchquhane . . . apud Striueling . . . resignauerunt . . . videlicet quelibet ipsarum suam partem officii et terrarum prescriptarum more quo supra resignauit Tenendum . . . dictum officium Marifeodi . . . cum prefatis terris de Petmukstoune . . . dictis Georgio Bisset et Margarete sue sponse et ipsorum alteri diucius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Georgii quibuscunque de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde . . . jura et seruicia de officio et terris antedictis ante prefatam resignacionem nobis debita et consueta Necnon reddendo annuatim capellani chori ecclesie parochialis Sancti Nicholai de Abirdene vnum annum redditum duarum marcarum pro anniuersario et obsequiis quondam Roberti Blinsele burgensis de Abirdene per ipsum fundatis secundum tenorem infeodacionis eiusdem In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendissimo reuerendis- que in Xpo patribus Jacobo archiepiscopo Glasguensi cancellario nostro Daud episcopo Candidecase nostrequ capelle Regie Striuelingensis Daud episcopo Lismorensi dilectis consanguineis nostris Alexandro comite de Huntlie domino Baidzenach Jacobo comite Aranie domino Hammyltoune Hugone comite de Eglintoune domino Montgomery venerabilibus in Xpo patribus Johanne priore ecclesie metropolitane Sanctiandree et eiusdem sede vacante vicario generali Georgio abbate monasterii nostri Sancte Crucis prope Edinburgh nostri secreti sigilli custode et Roberto abbate de Pasleto Apud Striueling decimosexto die mensis Iulii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo primo et regni nostri octauo .

Carta confirmationis charte venditionis de officio Mari vicecomitatus de Abirdene vna cum terris de Petmukstoun dicto officio spectantibus.¹
—(A D. 1561)

Maria Dei gratia Regina Scotorum [etc.] Sciatis nos quandam chartam venditionis et alienationis factam per Georgeum Bissatt de Petmukistoun Marum Feodi hereditarium vicecomitatus de Abirdene dilecto nostro Magistro Gilberto Bissatt burgensi burgi nostri de Abirdene filio dicti Georgei [etc.] ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Georgeus Bissatt de Petmukstoun maurus principalis hereditarius officii Maurifeudi vicecomitatus Abirdonensis Salutem in Domino sempiternam Noueritis me vtilitate mea in hac parte vndique preuisa et diligenter considerata [etc.] vendidisse et alienasse [etc.] ac hac presenti carta mea confirmare dilecto filio meo naturali Magistro Gilberto Bissatt burgensi de Abirdene et suis heredibus et assignatis quibuscunque totum et integrum officium Maurifeudi vicecomitatus Abirdonensis vna cum totis et integris terris de Petmukstoun cum pertinentiis eidem officio spectantibus et pertinentibus mihi hereditarie pertiens et incumbens jacentibus prope aquam de Dee infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene antedictum pro quadam certa pecunie summa mihi gratanter per dictum Magistrum Gilbertum [etc.] persoluta [etc.] Tenendum [etc.] a me heredibus meis et meis assignatis de Suprema Domina nostra Regina et Rege Scotie et suis successoribus [etc.] in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum [etc.] cum curiis et earum exitibus bludwitis et mulierum marchetis herezeldis cum libero introitu et exitu Ac cum omnibus feodis et diuoriis dicto officio spectantibus [etc.] Faciendo inde annuatim dictus Magister Gilbertus et heredes sui et sui assignati predictae Supreme Domine nostre Regine [etc.] jura et seruitia de officio et terris predictis ante presentem alienationem solui solita et consueta. Necnon reddendo inde annuatim capellanis chori ecclesie Diui Nicholai de Abirdene vnum annum redditum duarum mercarum monete Scotie pro anniuersario et obsequiis quondam Roberti Blinschell burgensis de Abirdene per ipsum fundatis secun-

¹ [From the General Register House.]

dum tenorem infeodationis eiusdem Reseruato tamen *[etc.]* mihi *[etc.]* libero tenemento dicti officii et terrarum *[etc.]* pro toto tempore vite mee Necnon rationabili tercia dictarum terrarum Egidie Skrymgeoure sponse mee pro toto tempore vite sue dumtaxat *[etc.]* In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum proprium vnacum mea subscriptione manuali presentibus est appensum Apud oppidum Abirdonense decimo nono die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo coram hiis testibus honorabilibus viris Joanne Leslie de Boquhane Wilelmo Leslie de Kirkhill eius filio et apparenti herede Magistro Joanne Leslie rectore de Owne et officiali Abirdonensi Magistro Andrea Leslie scriba primario vicecomitatus de Abirdene Magistro Andrea Mathow notariis publicis Normando Leslie Wilelmo Reid Dauide Gunnar Thoma Bissat et Andrea Bissat filijs dicti Georgij QUAMQUIDEM cartam *[etc.]* approbamus *[etc.]* ac *[etc.]* pro perpetuo confirmamus Saluis nobis et successoribus nostris antedictis juribus et seruitijs dicto officio Mauri ac terris cum suis pertinentiis spectantibus ante presentem nostram confirmationem debitam et consuetis Insuper volumus *[etc.]* quod hec nostra confirmatio tanti erit valoris dicto Magistro Gilberto *[etc.]* acsi eadem *[etc.]* ante sasine susceptionem sibi data *[etc.]* fuisset Non obstante sasina per ipsum de eisdem ante presentem nostram confirmationem suscepta In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre confirmationis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendissimo in Christo patre Joanne archiepiscopo Sanctiandree etc. dilectis consanguineis nostris Georgio comite de Huntlie domino Gordoun et Badzenache etc. cancellario nostro Jacobo comite de Boithuill domino Halis et Creichtoun etc. et magno admirallo regni nostri venerabili in Xpo patre Donaldto abbate monasterii nostri de Cupro nostri secreti sigilli custode dilectis familiaribus nostris Magistro Jacobo Makgill de Rankelour Nethir nostrorum rotulorum registri et consilii clerico Joanne Bellenden de Auchnowll equite aurato nostre justicie clerico Apud Dundee decimo nono die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo primo Et regni nostri decimo nono .

Decreit of the Lordis of Counsall and Sessioun in favouris of Mr George Bissat of Petmukstoun principall Mair of Fee of heretage of the schirefdome of Abirdene ¹ —(A.D. 1589.)

Quinto Junij 1589 . Anent our Souerane Lordis lettres purchest at the instance of Mr George Bissat of Petmukstoun principall Mair of Fee of heretage of the haill schirefdome of Aberdeine and jurisdiction of the samin aganis Thomas Craig at Tarvess Thomas Wode Johnn Duncan Johnn Rait and all and sindrie our Souerane Lordis liegis haueand or pretendand to haue entress in the actionn vndirwrittin And Johnn Gordoun of Glascoforrest Mr Walter Gordoun of Wasthall and Mr. Alexander Fraser schirefclerk of Abirdene / George erle of Huntlie schiref principall of Abirdene Makand mentiouin That quhair the said compleaar is heretable saisit be our Souerane Lordis precept of chancellerie direct thairapone as sone and air of vmquhill Mr Gilbert Bissat his father in all and haill the office of Mairschip of Fee of the said schirefdome of Abirdene with all feis privilegis casualiteis and dewiteis pertenant and belanging thairto haldine be him immediatlie of our said Souerane Lord . . . And albeit that his said vmquhill father and vtheris his predicessouris heretabill Mairis of Fee of the said schirefdome for the tyme haue bene in vse and possessioun in all tymes bigane past memorie of man To admit deputes and discharge thame quhen thay thocht expedient in thair awin court And in vptaking of caution of ilkane of thame for leill administratioun in thair offices vndir the paines conteinit in ane act of obtemperance of vmquhile his Hienes rycht traist cousing and counsalour George erle of Huntlie etc. last schiref principall of the said schirefdome of the dait the xj day of Januar the yeir of God jm. v^c. sextie sex yeiris And in receaving of the saidis deputes yeirlie dewitie for thair admissioun and vseing of thair office vsit and wount in tyme bigane As als that na executionis suld be resaut in judgement nor outwitht the same except thai that wer execute be the deputes haueand admissioun and commissioun of the principall Mairis of Fee And siclike the schirefclerkis of the said schirefdome furthgevaris of the preceptis or

¹ [From the General Register House.]

the parteis purchessouris thairof haue bene in vse to present and deliver thame to the principall Mairis of Fee to the effect the samin micht be the better put to executioun be thair command direct to thair deputes thairanent And haue bene in vse be thame selfis and thair deputes in attaching and summondng of all personis be vertew of the preceptis direct thairapone to the haill schirefcourtis justiceaeris or iustice courtis be commissioun And in vplifting and in receaving thairfoir for euerie attaching maid within burgh the soume of sex schillingis viij penneis and for citationis maid in landwart sic as of inquestis assyses or for quhatsumeuir vther executioun being ane dayis journey on hors the soume of xxvj s. viij d. And alsua in vse and possessioun in poynding vpone the schireffis haill decreittis / vptaking of thair vnlawis and in vptaking of the iustice vnlawis and putting of the extractis of the iustice airis to executioun And in vptaking and receaving thairfoir of ilk pund poyndit twa schillingis And als in vse and possessioun onlie / and na vtheris in aresting and lousing of cornis and vtheris gudes and geir quhatsumeuir be vptaking of cautoun for lousing thairfoir be vertew of preceptis direct thairapone as vse is and in receaving thairfoir within the burgh or twa myles about sex s. viij d. and ane dayis jorney thairfor xxvj. s. viij d. And likewise in vse to tak souirtie for the entrie of all personis chargeit to vndirly the law befor the said schiref or his deputes And in receaving thairfoir being within burgh sex s. viij d. And for ane dayis jorney on hors xxvj s. viij d. And fra ilk persone findand cautoun xld. And a's in vse to charge all personis to find lauborrowis and to tak lauborrowis be vertew of preceptis and in receaving thairfoir within burght sex s. viij d. and ane dayis jorney on hors xxvj s. viij d. And fra ilk persone findand lauborrowis xld. And inlikemaner in vse of proclaiming of schereffis preceptis iustice airis iustice courtis be commissioun at the mercat croces of the said schirefdome for ilk proclamatioun within the burgh of Abirdene xld. And in receaving fra ilk persone pannellit within the tolbuith befor the schiref or his deputes / befor the iustice or his deputes xld. And siclike in vse and possessioun to be onlie creat sergeandis officeris and executouris and na vtheris in all schiref or iustice courtis be commissioun grantit vpon quhatsumeuir causs criminall or ciuill within the said schirefdome And mairouer in vse of geving of all sasingis within the said schirefdome and in receaving for euerie sasing at the geving thairfoir

sex s. viij d. and for euerie dayis journey being in landwert. or about the toun xxvj s. viij d. And als in vptaking and receaving of all personis vmaist claith quha puttis thame selfis to death and that ar convict in the schiref courtis justice airis iustice courtis or chalmerlane airis or courtis be commissioun or vtherwise without the samin and in intrometting with and receaving of thair haill gudes and geir beand fra the crukeben thair haill cornis being in brokine stakkis in the yarde and thair haill cornis being in brokin mowis in the barne and thraschin cornis being in heippis thairin with thair haill blak scheip and garrit nolt And siclike in vse and possessioun to be present at all tymes with the schiref iustice and thair deutes the tyme of thair intromissioun and vptakeing of all personis gudes and geir fugitiue fra the lawes or convict be ordour of iustice befor the saidis judges for quhatsumeuir caus alsweill for intrometting with thair awin dewiteis as for intrometting with dewiteis perteneing to the schiref iustice or thair deutes And likewise in vse to be present with the iustice clerkis to tak up dittay and in thair absence to tak up the same dittay and to haue the onlie custodie of the haill blude rollis and in vse of taking of caution for the entrie of all personis thairin contenit and in receaving for the entrie of ilk persone xld. And mairouer thair deutes ar in vse of proclameing of all brevis at the mercat croce of the said schirefdome and in vptaking thairfoir xld. quhairof the heretabill Mair of Fee hes of ilk breve proclamit xvj d. And finalie in vse of collecting of all taxatiounis within the said schirefdome of Aberdene and na vtheris and in making of compt thairto to the thesaurer and in receaving of xij d. for ilk pund of the samin Notwithstanding quhairof thair ar diuers and sindrie personis quha the tyme of the said comple-naris fatheris aige and seiknes and sensyne hes vsurpit and vsurpis wrangouslie his said heretabill office of Mairschip of Fee of the said schirefdome and hes vseit and exerceit the samin and vptakine certene of the feis casualiteis and dewiteis thairto without richt licence or tollerance had and obtenit of thame thairto And stoppis debarris and makis impediment to the said complenar and his deutes to vse and exerce the said office and to intromet with and vptak the saidis casualiteis feis dewiteis and privilegis particularlie abone rehersit perteneing thairto And will nocht desist answer obey nor mak pament to the said complenar nor his deutes of the samin without thai be compellit . . . THE LORDIS OF

COUNSELL decernis and ordanis lettres to be direct in all the four formes . . . chairging the said defendaris and ilkane of thaim . . . to decise and cease fra all vsurpacioun vsing exercing of the said complenaris for-said heretable office of Mairschip of Fee of the said schirefdome / and fra all intromissioun or vptaking of the fees casualities and deweteis thair of Becaus the saidis defendaris wer lauchfullie summond to haue compeirit befor the Lordis of Counsell at ane certane day to haue hard and sene lettres to be decernit to be direct in maner abone written or els to haue allegit ane resonabill caus quhy the same suld nocht have bene done with certificatioun to thame and thay failyeit the saidis Lordis wuld decerne in maner foirsaid And thay being lauchfullie summond to that effect compeirit nocht to allege ony reasonabill caus to the contrar . . .

Chartour to Paull Symmer of Mergie of the landis of Pitmuckistoun, etc. etc. ¹ —(A.D. 1655.)

Oliver Lord Protector of the Commonwealth of England Scotland and Ireland and dominions thairto belonging To all men to quhois knowledge thir presentis sall come greiting Be it knowin that we have given grantit and disposed and for ws and oure successors perpetuallie confirmed . . . to Paull Symmer of Mergie and to his aires and assignayis quhatsomever heretable and irredimable but any maner of reversioun redemptioun or regress all and hail the landis of Pitmuckistoun with houssis biggingis yairdis tofts crofts pairts pendicles and pertinents tenants tennandries service of frie tenants of the samen lyand neir the water of Die within the parrochin of Sanct Machar and schirrefdome of Aberdein Quhilkis landis belongit to the office of Mair of Fie of the schirrefdome of Aberdein and pertenis heretable of befor to vmquhill

¹ [From the General Register House.

In the Acts of the Parliament of Scotland, vol. vii., p. 442, will be found a "Ratification in favours of Leivtennent Collonell Paull Symmer of Petmuckstoun of the office of Mair of Fie of the schirrefdome of Aberdein." It is dated on the ninth day of September, 1662, and besides the charter of the office of Mair of Fee, "ratifies and approves the decret befor the Lords of Council and Session, obtained by wmwille Mr George Bisset predicesour to the said Leivtennent Collonell in the said office against the shirreff of Aberdein for the tyme and others, which is dated the fyft day of June 1589 yeers, in all and sindrie heids . . . therof and after the formes and tenors of the samen gift and decret in all points."]

Maister Alexander Bisset minister at Brechin and Jeane Ogilvy his spouse and langast livear of them tuo in lyfrent and conjunct fie and to the airis maill to have beine lawfullie procreat betuixt them in fie Quhilkis failyieing to the said vmquhill Mr. Alexander Bisset his aires maill and assignayis quhatsomever heretable And now perteing to ws thair being no airis maill of the said vmquhill Mr. Alexander Bisset and no lawfull dispositioun maid thair of in his awin lyf tyme . . . To be haldin and to be had . . . of ws and oure successors superiors thair of . . . in fie and heritage forever . . . Giveand thairfoir yeirlie . . . to ws and oure successors . . . the richtis and services of the said office and landis abovewrittin vsit and wont to be payit for the samen And siclyk payand thairfoir yeirlie to ws and oure successors in place of the cathedrall church of St. Nicolas of Aberdeine the sowme of tuo merkis vsuall money of Scotland of old payit for the yeirlie revenues and obsequies of vmquhill Robert Blenschell burgess of Aberdein . . . Given vnder the hand of the keiper of the great seill At Edinburgh the tuentie-sext day of Januare ane thowsand sex hundreth fiftie-fye yeiris .

30th January, 1655. Signed by warrand of the Commissionaris for Administration of Justice to the peopill in Scotland etc. etc.

And. Abernethie.

Edinburgh, 30th Januarie, 1655. Writtin to the great seill be me Alexander Jaffray of Kingiswallis director of the chancellarie .

Al. Jaffray.

*Inquisitio Johannis Leith.*¹ —(A.D 1506.)

Inquisitio facta apud burgum de Abirdene coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Wattertone vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi eiusdem . . . pro tribunali sedente vicesimo septimo die

¹ [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, vol. i., MS. in *archivis ejusdem*.]

On the second day of May, 1508, William Leith was served heir to the above mentioned John Leith, his brother-german, in these lands; and, on the second day of October, 1509, William Leith was found by a jury to be the next of kin to the aforesaid William, his nephew.—(Ibid.)]

mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto per subscriptos videlicet Thomam Fraser de Stanyvod Willelmum Craufurd de Federay Johannem Mowat de Loscragy Willelmum Turing de Foverne Alexandrum Skene de eodem Jacobum Cheyne de Straloch Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Alexandrum Tulloche de Moncoffir Robertum Burnat de Balmad Johannem Forbes de Echt Alexandrum Johnnstone de eodem Johannem Gardin de Latheris Ranaldum Oudny filium et heredem apparentem Willelmi Oudny de eodem Andream Crag de Cragesfintra et Alexandrum Caldour de Sonnaherd . Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Georgus Leith de Barnis pater Johannis Leith latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Rutheristoun et piscaria earundem cum suis pertinenciis super aquam de Dee et de terris de Newlandis alias Erlisfelde cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in regalitate de Gareauche infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Johannes est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Georgei patris sui de dictis terris et piscariis cum suis pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre de Rutheristoun et piscaria earundem valent nunc per annum duodecim marcas et valuerunt sex marcas tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Newlandis cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum viginti solidos Et valuerunt decim solidos tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Rutheristoun et piscaria earundem cum pertinenciis tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege in alba firma Reddendo inde annuatim vnum denarium nomine albe firme Et quod dicte terre de Newlandis tenentur in capite de Domino de Leslie in alba firma Reddendo vnum denarium nomine albe firme Et quod dicte terre de Rutheristoun et piscaria earundem nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis . . . Et quod dicte terre de Newlandis cum suis pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus dicti Domini de Leslie per . . . spacium vnus mensis ratione decessus dicti quondam Georgei patris sui in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis .

Confirmatio regia Alexandro Menzeis juniore.¹ —(A.D. 1543.)

Maria Dei gratia Regina Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus totius

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

terre sue clericis et laicis Salutem Sciatis nos quandam cartam feodifirme factam per Ministrum Fratrum Sanctissime et Indiuidue Trinitatis loci de Abirdene et conuentum eiusdem . . . dilecto nostro Alexandro Meynzeis juniore burgensi de Abirdene . . . ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris . . . Frater Johannes Allansone minister domus Sanctissime Trinitatis de Abirdene . . . ordinis Sanctissime Trinitatis de Redemptione Captiuorum et conuentus eiusdem salutem . . . Quia regni Scotie retro principes diuersi in parliamentis suis . . . terras Regis et aliorum prelatorum religiosorum dominorum temporalium comitum baronum ceterorumque hominum terras hereditarie possidentium in . . . feodifirmam absque suorum rentalium . . . diminutione ut cum tenentibus conuenire poterint . . . assedandas fore decreuerunt . . . Noueritis igitur nos unanimi consensu . . . capitulariter in loco nostro capitulari Abirdonensi congregatos . . . cum . . . consensu . . . venerabilis in Christo patris Fratris Roberti Cunynghame domus de Failyrde ministri Prouincialis nostri ordinis infra regnum Scotie ubilibet constituti . . . assedasse . . . et ad feodifirmam . . . hereditarie dimisisse . . . dilecto nostro Alexandro Menzeis juniore burgensi de Abirdene suis heredibus et assignatis totas et integras terras nostras de Ferryhill cum . . . suis . . . pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quia idem Alexander nobis pre manibus summam ducentarum marcarum usualis monete Regni Scotie pro suo introitu et gressuma . . . prestitit . . . Tenendas . . . in feodifirma . . . et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris . . . quinquaginta bollas victualium brasii et farine sufficientis videlicet unum dimidium . . . in brasio et aliud dimidium in farina que ante confectionem presentium extendebant annuatim computando gressumas pultrias denarios et seruicia earundem ad quadraginta duas bollas victualium et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale ad octo bollas victualium annuatim plusquam unquam dicte terre cum . . . pertinentiis . . . prius soluebant . . . Ac etiam prestando tres sectas ad tres nostras curias capitales annuatim apud dictam domum nostram tenendas . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune unacum nostris subscriptionibus manualibus necnon sigillum dicti nostri Prouincialis cum sua subscriptione manuali in signum sui consensus . . . ad premissa presentibus sunt appensa apud Abirdene penultimo die mensis Marci anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo tercio coram testibus prouidis et discretis viris

Magistro Gilberto Keytht vicario de Lungley Waltero Lesly burgensi de Abirdene Thoma Craufurde Magistris Edwardo Menzeis David Nicholsoun et Johanne Nicholsoun notariis publicis cum diuersis aliis Quamquidem cartam feodifirme in omnibus . . . cum . . . consensu . . . tutoris nostri Jacobi Aranie comitis . . . regni nostri . . . gubernatoris pro perpetuo confirmamus Saluis nobis et successoribus nostris suffragiis et precibus dicti Ministri et Conuentus de prefatis terris cum pertinentiis ante presentem nostram confirmationem nobis debitis et consuetis . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre confirmationis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendissimo et reuerendo in Christo patribus Gawino archiepiscopo Glasguensi etc. cancellario nostro Georgio episcopo Dunkeldensi dilectis nostris consanguineis Jacobo Moraue comite etc. Archibaldo comite Ergadie . . . Malcolmo domino Flemying magno camerario nostro dilectis nostris familiaribus Jacobo Kyrkcaldy de Grange thesaurario nostro Thoma Menzeis de Pitfodalis compotorum nostrorum rotulatore Magistris Jacobo Foulis de Colintoun nostrorum rotulorum registri ac consilii clerico et Thoma Belenden de Auchnoull nostre cancellarie directore etc. Apud Edinburgh secundo die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo tertio et regni nostri primo .

Patrik Meynzes charter and scising of Ferryhill.¹—(A.D. 1558.)

Ane charter maid be Robert minister of Failfurd and Convent thair of

¹ [From the General Register House.

In the year 1597, David Menzeis, the cousin and heir of Patrick Menzeis, granted the sunny half of these lands to John Fraser, the fourth son of Thomas Fraser of Durris, and to Anna Lorymar his wife; and the shady half of the lands to the same John Fraser himself, who, in the same year, granted both halves to Patrick Cheyne, burgess of Aberdeen. In the year 1616, Thomas Cheyne of Ranicstoun, the son of Patrick Cheyne and Katherine Fraser his wife, sold the lands for the sum of 8100 merks Scots to Patrick Hepburne, whose son, Patrick Hepburne, in the year 1629, with consent of his brother William Hepburne and others, granted them to Doctor Patrick Dun, Principal of the New College of Aberdeen.—(Originals in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.) On the third day of August, 1631, Doctor Patrick Dune bequeathed the lands for the maintenance of the masters of the Grammar School of the burgh of Aberdeen.—(Ibid. Mortifications under the charge of the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Aberdeen, pp. 88, 87. Aberd. 1849.)]

and Frer Johnne Quhytcors subminister of thair place of Abirdene to Patrik Meynzes sone and air of vmquhile Alexander Meynzes of Watter-toun his airis and assignais of all and sindrie the landis of Ferryhill perten-
 tening to the said place of Abirdene be all the mercheis and boundis contenit in the charter of feufferme maid to his said vmquhile fader tharupon lyand within the schirefdome of Abirdene Quhilkis war sett to his said fader to feufferme of before for lij. bollis victuall ait meill and malt To be haldin of the saidis Minister and Convent and thair successouris Paying tharfore yeirlie the soume of twenty pundis money of this realme . . . and doubling the said sovme at the entrie of the air with ane soit of court yeirlie in ilk twa heid courtis to be haldin yeirlie at the said place of Abirdene . . . Datit at Edinburgh the xxij. day of May the yeir of God j^m. v^o. fifty-aucht yeris before witnessis Robert Stewart Johnn Cwnninghame Niniane Cwnninghame Patrik Mowet and James Nicolsoun notar .

Ane instrument of sesing tharupoun vnder the signe and subscriptioun of Maister Andro Mathew notar public datit the last day of May the yeir of God j^m. v^o. fifty-aucht yeris before witnessis Alexander Meynzes Gilbert Meynzies younger Henrie Forbes burges of Abirdene Maister Eduard Menzies William Berclay and Duncane Bartlatt .

*Carta terrarum de Gilkenstoun Johanni Gordoun de Pitlurg.*¹—(A D. 1541.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Johannes Forsyth de Dykis Salutem . . . Noueritis me . . . vendidisse . . . honorabili viro Johanni Gordoun de Petlurg heredibus suis et assignatis omnes et singulas terras meas de Gilkenstoun cum molendino eiusdem tenentibus tenandriis et libere-tenentium seruiciis earundem et singulis suis pertinentiis jacentes infra

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.

In the year 1548, John Gordon was infeft in the lands of Gilkemstoun as heir to the above named John Gordon of Pitlurg his father. In the year 1588, King James VI. granted to Sir John Gordon of Pitlurg, knight, and his heirs male, the lauds and barony of Kynmundie, the lands of Car-wethin in Drumblade, the lands of Gilcomston, with the mill, &c., and three fourths and a third of a fourth part of a half of the lands and barony of Drumblade, all being united into one barony.

vicecomitatum de Abirdene . . . Tenendas . . . de supremo domino nostro Rege et suis successoribus in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim prefato supremo domino nostro Regi et suis successoribus seruicium warde et releuii tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee est appensum unacum subscriptione mea manuali apud Edinburght vicesimo octauo die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragésimo primo coram hiis testibus Jacobo Cleland de eodem Johanne Robertoun de Ernok Magistro Johanne Gordoun burgensi de Abirdene Alexandro Gordoun Edwardo Buchquhannane Johanne Portuus Donaldo Fultoun Magistro Johanne Burnat et Alexandro Maknele notariis publicis .

Jhone Forsyth of Dikis wytht my hand .

Carta terrarum de Caprastoune.¹—(A.D. 1561.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Wilhelmus Watsoun filius et heres quondam Magistri Joannis Watsoun burgensis de Abirdene . . . Salutem . . . Noueritis me . . . vendidisse . . . probe mulieri Jonete Knowis sorori mee in vitali reddito . . . et Georgio Gordoun filio suo hereditarie et heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus Joanni Gordoune fratri suo germano suis heredibus et assignatis quibuscunque totas et integras terras meas de Caprastoune cum suis pertinentiis jacentes infra schiram episcopatus de Abirdene et vicecomitatum eiusdem

In the year 1597, the same Sir John Gordon sold the lands of Gilcomston to Gilbert Menzeis of Pitfodels for the sum of 7000 merks Scots. In the year 1632, John, Earl of Mar, granted a charter of the lands of Gilcomston in favour of Gilbert Menzeis of Pitfodels. In the year 1680, Gilbert Menzeis of Pitfodels sold the lands to the community of Aberdeen for the sum of 26,000 merks Scots; and in the year 1692, the community sold the lands to their Master of Kirk and Bridge Works for the support of the bridge of Dec. (Originals in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.)]

¹ [From the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.

On the sixth day of April, 1388, Adam, bishop of Aberdeen, confirmed to Laurence of Leth, the son and heir of William of Leth, the lands of Capronston, which had been granted to William of Leth by Bishop Alexander; to be held for payment of a penny yearly in name of blench ferme.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 184.) In the year 1582, Robert Watson sold the lands to James Kar, who, in the same year, granted them to Alexander Forbes, burgess of Aberdeen. He, in the year 1595, sold them to the community of Aberdeen for the sum of 2500 merks Scots. (Originals in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.)]

. . . Tenendas . . . a me heredibus et assignatis meis de reuerendo in Christo patre Wilhelmo . . . Abirdonensi episcopo suisque successoribus . . . in feudifirma . . . hereditaria imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . prefato . . . Episcopo suisque successoribus . . . summam quatuor marcarum usualis monete regni Scotie tanquam antiquam firmam huiusmodi terrarum decem solidos et octo denarios pro quinquenali gressuma et tres solidos et quatuor denarios in annuam augmentationem extendentes in toto ad summam quinque marcarum et octo denariorum monete antedictæ ad duos anni terminos usuales . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti cartæ mee subscriptione mea manuali subscriptæ sigillum meum proprium est appensum Apud Abirden decimo octauo die mensis Marcii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo primo coram testibus Magistro Thoma Stewart Magistro Stephano Maneiris Magistro Alexandro Chene Magistro Georgio Barclay Magistro Andrea Lesly et Magistro Joanne Kennedy notariis publicis cum diuersis aliis .

Wiuem Watson
witht my hand.

THE PARISH OF NEW MACHAR OR MONYCABOCK.¹

Decreet Arbitrale betuix Schir Daudid Hervy and Andro Hervy on the ta part and Thome Leitht on the vder part.²—(A.D. 1539.)

Vigesimo quarto Junii anno [m^o. v^o.] xxxix. Quo die personaliter constituti Dominus Daudid Hervy vicarius de Narne et Andreas Hervy ex vna et

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 235-237.]

The lands of Kyumoned, or Kinmundy, in this parish, are said to have been granted by King Malcolm the Maiden to Edward, bishop of Aberdeen. (Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 4.) They were set in two halves to two tenants by Bishop William Gordon, in 1549, for yearly payment for each half, consisting of four oxengangs, of thirty three shillings and four pence in money, half a quarter of a mart, half a mutton, half a boll and half a peck of bear, three firlots of oats with the straw, one capon and a half, one poultry and a half, one goose, ten pence for bondages and carriages, and for leading the bishop's teind corn of New Aberdeen, lime, slate, and salt, as required, and service in war according to the use of the shire. (Id., vol. i., p. 434.)

² [From the General Register House.]

Thomas Leytht compromiserunt in Patricium Chawmer Andream Chavmer tanquam arbitros et amicales compositores inter eosdem communiter electos vnacum Domino Johanne Cristesone superiore in causa debatabili inter eosdem penes petitionem vnus bouis per dictos Dominum Dauid et Andream et penes petitionem ipsius Thome quorundam bonorum maritagii allegatorum debentium sibi per eosdem tanquam executorio nomine patris eorundem et Magistri Gilberti Hervy eorum germani et aliorum quorumcunque debatabilium inter eosdem indecisorum vsque ad datam presencium . . . apud Monicabak Quiquidem arbitri vnacum superiore antedicto onus decidendi in huiusmodi causa et causis super se acceptarunt et quilibet eorum acceptauit / et suum decretum arbitrale in hunc qui sequitur modum fulminarunt et cum consensu partium / viz. *That the said Thomas Leitht sall conweyne at the kyrk of Fintre vpone ane Sondag betuix this and Lammes nixt cumis in tyme of the he mess befoir the parrochianaris in presens of Andro Hervy and sall cum to hyme and sa thir vourdis eftir followand* *Guidman and broider ye haue lukit downe one me and hes beyne dry to me throcht certane vourdis of displessour I spak of yow at this kyrk in my crabbyne movit of angyr heyrfoir sic thingis sall nocht be amangis frendis in my defalt / gif I haue failyeit in ony behaulf I requeist and prais you to resauie me in kindnes and remit all displesour betuix us and tak me be the hand and stand in afauld kindnes and in takyn thair of all displesour that hes beyne betuix you and me I remyt and forgifis /* And als decretis the said Schir Dauid and Andro to remyt the clame of the said oxin depending in the consistore / and als the said Thome Leitht remittis all clame and pley and rycht of mareage geyr and clame of v^{xx}. bollis of aitis allegit aucht to hyme be Maister Gilbert Hervy and all vder clames and geyr that he ma ask at the said Schir Dauid and Andro be resone of executory of thair faider and broider forsaid or vder wais and the said Thomas sall pay to Maister Jhone Bell for costis skathis and expensis maid in the consistorie the sovme of thre schillingis and athir of the said parteis dischargis vderis of all pleis in tymis bigane . . . In witnes heiroyf the said jugis arbitouris and ouerman hes subscrivit this decreit with consent of the saidis parteis at Monicabak day and yeir forsaid In witnes Malcum Wawane Thome Mathovsone Jhon Reche Willyam Vatsone Thome Vatsone *sic subscribitur* Andro Chavmer with my hand Patre Chavmer with my hand at the pene led be Schir Jhon Criste-

sone Ita est Daud Hervy manu propria Andro Hervy with my hand
 Thome Leytht with my hand at the pene led be Schir Jhone Criste-
 sone Ita est Johannes Cristesone requisitus manu propria subscripsit .

The indenture betuix the Erle of Mar and Schir Daud Flemyng lorde of
 Bigar.¹ —(A.D. 1405.)

This indenture made at Perth the foure and tuentie day of August / the
 yere of oure Lorde . a thousand four hundretht and the fyft . betuix
 noble men and michti . Alisander Steward erle of Mar on the ta parte /
 and Schir Daud Flemyng lorde of Bigar on the tother parte . contenis
 and beriswitnes / that it is accordit betuix thir forsaides partiis in the
 maner that folowis / that is to say / that the saide Erle of Mar hase
 gifin his gude wil and ful consent that the saide Schir Daud and his ayris
 sal hafe and ioyse the lordeschip of Caueris with the pertinencis alswele
 of auld as of new qwat sumeuer it be / alswele the office of the schireue-
 dome of Roxburghe as any othir pertinencis til it pertinent / in alsfer as
 in him is or may be in tyme to cum for al the terme of his life / eftir as
 the gift of oure lorde the King to the forsaide Schir Daud thare apon
 made be his chartir proportis and beriswitnes / Item it is accordit that
 the saide Erle sal gif to the saide Schir Daud or his attornes or assignes
 al charteris euidendis obligacionis monumentis or instrumentis pertinentis
 to the saide landis of Caueris or office of schireue that may be gottin
 thrw the saide Erle in ony maner with al gudeli haste / And forthir thare
 atoure the saide Erl of Mar of his kindeli gudelynes and cousynage and
 for othir causis of certane kindenes before made sal furthir and supponale
 the saide Schir Daud and his ayris in al thir poyntis before writin in
 alsfer as he gudeli may be resone gif he be requirit be the saide Schir
 Daud or his ayris / for the qwilk supponale gude wil and kindenes sa
 schawin and prouit in deid to the saide Schir Daud be the saide Erle /
 the saide Schir Daud hase grantit that the saide Erle sal hafe al the
 landis of the barony of Monycabo with the pertinencez / the qwilk per-
 tinez til him be cause of his wife for al the terme of the life of Dame

¹ [From a transcript in the General Register House.]

Isabel countess of Mar wife to the saide Erle / and thare to Dame Isabel wife to the saide Schir Daud sal mak the saide Erle als sekir as can be done be lach and resone endurant the saide tyme / Item it is accordit that gif the saide Schir Daud decess before his wife as God forbede . and the saide Dame Isabel wife to the saide Schir Daud deny this counand or cum agayne it efter the decess of the saide Schir Daud . the saide Schir Daud obliges his ayris that thai sal mak the saide Erle of Mar alsmekil land or annuall rent in conuenable place for al the terme of the said Countessis life as is before saide within a yere eftir his decess / his wife denyand . Item it is accordit that qwat tyme the saide Erle or the saide Countess decess the saides landis of Monycabo with the pertinencis sal freli and quiteli resorte to the saide Schir Daud or til his wife or til thair ayris but questioun or demande And at al this before nemmit be yemit and kepit in fourme and effect as befor is saide bath thir forsaides partiis hase gifin bodily fayth in presence of the Duc of Albany . the Erle of Orknay . Schir William the Grame . Johnn of Vchiltre . and Schir Johnne of Busby chapellane / and to the mare sekirness thai hafe set thair selis entterchangeabli til thir indenturis / And atour this the saide Schir Daud here apon hase tane instrument / the yere day and sted before writin .

The band of James Flemyne sone and air of qwhilum Patrik Flemyne lorde of the Borde.¹—(A.D. 1426.)

Beit kennyt til al men throu thir present lettres me James Flemyne the sone and air of qwhilum Patrik Flemyne lord of the Bord / to be fermely and faithfully oblisit to my luffit cosyne Dauy Flemyne the sone of qwhilum Schir Dauy Flemyne lorde of Bigare for his help and consaile thankfully to me done / that als sa sone as I may recouer lauchful sesing of the landez of the Bord within the schirrefdome off Dunbertane / and of the landes of Mynyett within the schirrefdome of Peblis / and of the landes of Monycabok within the schirrefdome of Abirden outhir be help and consaile of the said Dauy or vthirwyse / I sall infeft the said Dauy or gerr him be infeft heritabily in ten pundis wortht of land qwhar euer

¹ [From a transcript in the General Register House.]

him likis best within the said landes of the Bord Mynyett and Monycabok / safand anerly the chemyss of the Bord / the qwhilk ten pundis worth of land the said Dauy his airis and assigneis sal hauld of our lorde the Kyng in chefe als frely as thai war halden in any tyme by-gane / Alsua I the said James oblis me be thir my lettres faithfully to the said Dauy Flemyne my cosyne that with al gudely haast efter that I haf infeft the said Dauy orr gert him be infeft of the said ten pundis worth of land in fourme and maner befor said / I sal mak playne resignacione of al the remanand of the said landes of Bord Mynyett and off Monycabok with thare pertinentis frely in the ourelardis hand / to mak playne charter of taleye of al the said landes to me the said James and the airis of my body lauchfully gettin or to begettyn and thai per chauns falleand to my twa ful brether and the airis of thare bodies lachfully to be gettyn / the qwhilkis as God forbede happnand to falleye to the said Dauy Flemyne and his airis of his body lachfully to be gettin And thai per chauns faleand to my richtwis airis qwhat euer thai be in fe and heritag for euer-mar And gif it hapins me the forsaid James to faleye or againstand to fulfille the forsaid couenandis and oblisngis in al or in part as God forbede it doo / I oblis me and myne airis or assignes of the said landes in twa hundir pundis of lauchful monee of Scotland to be paid to the said Dauy his airis or assignes in name of thair costis and scathis befor that I the said James or myne airis or assignes of the said landes or any in our name raiss or ressaue any maner of males or profite of the said landes / In the witnes of the qwhilk thingis to thir present letres I haue set my sele and that I sal kepe and hauld lely and trewly the said myne oblisngis and neuer withstand thaim na cum aganes thaim in worde na in werk I haue sworne a bodely aith apon the Haly Euuangelis befor sindry witness At Abirdene the last day saufe ane of the moneth of Januare the yere of grace a thousand foure hundretht twenty and fyve yeris .

The confirmacioun of the chartour of Tulymaide.¹ — (A.D. 1452 and A.D. 1454.)

Vniuersis hanc cartam visuris . . . Nos Robertus dominus Flemyne salu-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Whitehaugh.]

tem . . . Noueritis nos quandam cartam quondam Willelmi Panttoun de domini de Petmethan factam carissimo filio suo Willelmo Pantoune de omnibus et singulis terris suis dimedie partis terrarum suarum de Tulymade cum pertinenciis jacentibus in baronia nostra de Monycaboke infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . . . vidisse . . . Cuius tenor sequitur in hec verba OMNIBUS . . . Willelmus de Pantoune dominus de Petmethane salutem . . . Sciatis me . . . dedisse . . . carissimo filio meo Willelmo de Pantoune omnes et singulas terras meas dimidie partis terrarum mearum de Tulymade cum pertinenciis jacentes in baronia de Munycaboke infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . . . Tenendas . . . de me et heredibus meis . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presenti carte mee est appensum apud Petmethane die septimo mensis Februarij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo primo Testibus nobilibus et potentibus dominis Jacobo domino de Forbes Johanne de Forbes militibus Johanne de Forbes primogenito eiusdem Malcolmo de Forbes Johanne de Pantoune et Domino Jacobo vicario de Fowerne cum multis aliis / QUAM QUIDEM cartam . . . approbamus . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum predicte carte nostre confirmationis fecimus apponi apud Cumnyrnalde vicesimo die mensis Julij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo quarto Coram hiis testibus . videlicet . Thoma Somyrvile / Thoma Flemyng . Domino Thoma Atkinsoun cappellano et Alexandro de Strathauchine de Kinnetlis cum multis et diuersis aliis .

Carta Johanni domino Flemyng.¹ —(A.D. 1509.)

Apud Striveling . viii. Maii j^m. ccccc. ix. . Rex concessit Johanni domino Flemyng et heredibus suis terras et baroniam de Monycabo cum molendino annexis tenentibus etc. advocatione et donatione ecclesiarum et capellaniarum earundem infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene que fuerunt dicti Johannis et ob alienacionem majoris partis earundem in manibus Regis recognite fuerunt etc. . Reddendo annuatim tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia curie vicecomitatus de Abirdene necnon wardam etc.

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xvii., no. 68, M.S. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

cum contigerint . Insuper concessit licenciam dicto Johanni ad alienandum tenandrias dicte baronie in toto vel in parte liberetenentibus quibus pertinebant ante dictam recognitionem etc.

Service on Elrick.¹ —(A.D. 1675.)

May 4, 1675 . Special service of George Burnet of Elrick as heir of his immediate elder brother John Burnett of Elrick in . . . the lands and barony of Elrick with the pertinents comprehending . . . the dominical lands of Elrick with the manor place thereof mill of Elrick mill lands astrict multures and sequells of the same the Meikle Mill Croft of Smid-dieland of Elrick Broombrae of Elrick and Broomhill of the same and also the town and lands of Monacaback as follows viz. West Plewgh of the town and lands of Monacaback . . . the Chappell Croft of Monacaback Chappel Tack thereof sometime occupied by Mr. James Hervie minister at New Machar and the plough of Monacaback . . . with the shady third part of the foresaid lands of Monacaback . . . with the Ord of Monacaback . . . and the piece of land lying in Scrogley of Monacaback . . . with the . . . pertinents . . . lying in the parish of St. Machar and county of Aberdeen all . . . erected . . . and incorporated into one whole and free barony . . . to be called the barony of Elrick according to royal charter of Charles II. in favor of John Burnett senior of Elrick father of John Burnett junior their heirs and successors Which whole lands and barony . . . are held in chief of the King and his successors for yearly payment of forty pundis Scots money of ward tax and nonentry with the like sum of forty pundis for relief of these lands and barony and the like sum of forty pundis for the marriages of heirs . . . according to the royal charter of James VI. to Robert Innes of Balvanie knight given at Holyroodhouse the 10th March 1622 . . .

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the twenty sixth day of March, 1684, Robert Burnet was served heir to George Burnet his brother; and on the sixteenth day of August, 1706, Andrew Burnet was served heir to Robert Burnet his father, in these lands. (Ibid.)]

Concessio Regia Willelmo Keith de Inverugy.¹—(A.D. 1508.)

Apud Edinburghe . vi. Octobris j^m. ccccc. viii. . Rex concessit Willelmo Keith de Inverugy militi et heredibus suis terras de Straloch infra vicecomitatum de Banf que dicto Willelmo pertinuerunt et in manibus Regis recognite fuerunt ob alienacionem earundem absque consensu etc. . Ac eciam Rex easdem terras baronie de [Inver]vgy univit et incorporavit . Reddendo wardam et releuium ac maritagium cum contigerint . Et concessit dicto Willelmo licenciam ad alienandum Jacobo Chene et heredibus suis etc. .

Carta feodifirme Nigello Pook ejusque sponse.²—(A.D. 1558.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Willelmus . . . Abirdonensis episcopus Salutem cum benedictione diuina Quia regni Scotie retro principes . . . in parliamentis suis . . . terras regias ac prelatorum et aliorum dominorum temporalium . . . in . . . feudifirmam perpetuam . . . dimittendas . . . fore decreuerunt . . . noueritis igitur nos cum . . . consensu . . . decani et capituli ecclesie nostre cathedralis . . . pro . . . rentalis . . . nostri perpetua augmentatione ac pro nonnullis etiam pecuniarum summis . . . per . . . nostrum . . . seruitorem Nigellum Pook burgensem de Abirdeyne persolutis . . . ad feodifirmam . . . perpetuam hereditarie dimisisse . . . illam octauam partem ville seu terrarum de Mamewlacht vulgo nuncupatam Mallamorish quam . . . prefatus Nigellus per se et suos subtenentes occupat . . . cum suis . . . pertinentiis jacentem infra schiram de Aberdene et vicecomitatum de Aberdene dicto Nigello Pook et Mirabelle Craig eius coniugi eorumque alteri diutius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione suis heredibus et assignatis infra-scriptis Tenendam . . . absque diuisione de nobis et successoribus

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xv., no. 60, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Banchory.]

The lands of Malmeulach are said to have been granted to Edward, bishop of Aberdeen, by King Malcolm the Maiden.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 4.) They would appear to have begun to be feued out for the first time in the year 1549.—(Id., vol. i., pp. 434, 440.)]

bus nostris Aberdonensibus episcopis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . pro firma triginta tres solidos quatuor denarios . . . monete Scotie pro gressuma sex solidos octo denarios octavam partem unius marte dimidiam mutonem duas firloas duo bata ordeï cum bato secundum ratam rentalis pro arida multura unum caponem et unam pultream et dimidiam auce pro bondagiis decem denarios pro seruitiis debitis et consuetis duos solidos sex denarios et in augmentationem rentalis nostri . . . viginti denarios . . . necnon duplicando dictas pecunie summas in introitu cuiuslibet heredis seu assignati et faciendo tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia . . . infra palatium nostrum Aberdonense tenenda . Et tenentes dictarum terrarum in exercitiis . . . regni sufficienter armati balliuo nostro principali juxta morem patrie servire tenebuntur necnon quilibet heres et assignatus . . . nobis et nostris successoribus . . . fidelitatis juramentum prestabit quod nos successores nostros sedem nostram decanum et canonicos eiusdem nostrasque personas res et terras necnon Christianam et orthodoxam fidem fideliter . . . defendet . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum rotundum unacum nostra manuali subscriptione ac sigillum commune prefati nostri capituli cum manualibus subscriptionibus decani et canonicorum eiusdem in signum consensus . . . eorundem . . . presentibus sunt appensa apud civitatem nostram Aberdonensem vigesimo die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo octavo et nostre consecrationis anno

Vs. Episcopus Aberdonensis
 Allexander Setone cancellarius
 Patricius Myrtoun thesaurarius
 J. Stewartus a

Ja. Strathauchin a Balheluy
 Joannes Leslie de Murthlak
 Joannes Watson de Clat
 Andreas Leslie de Ellone

Carta feodifirme Jacobo Hervy de Boyndis.¹—(A.D. 1571.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Willelmus . . . Aberdonensis episcopus . . . salutem noueritis nos . . . ad feodifirmam . . . perpetuam hereditarie dimisisse . . . honorabili viro Magistro Jacobo Hervy de

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Banchory.]

Boyndis suis heredibus . . . et assignatis quibuscunque . . . octauam partem ville et terrarum de Mamewlach cum suis . . . pertinentiis . . . jacentem infra schiram nostram de Aberdene et vicecomitatum eiusdem Quequidem terre cum . . . pertinentiis perprius fuerunt Joannis Gordoune . . . feoditarii earundem quas terras cum . . . pertinentiis idem . . . cum . . . consensu Gilberti Knowis Andree Buk Alexandri Knowis junioris et Walteri Gordoune suorum curatorum in manibus nostris . . . in fauorem dicti Magistri Jacobi Hervy . . . apud palatium nostrum de Aberdene . . . simpliciter resignauit . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris . . . pro firma et gressuma quadraginta solidos monete Scotie octauam partem unius marte dimidietatem unius mutonis decem batas ordii cum charitate tres firloas auenarum cum pabulo unum caponem cum dimidio unum lie pultrie cum dimidio dimidietatem unius anceris decem denarios pro bondagiis unacum seruitiis antea solitis . . . et in augmentationem rentalis nostri . . . duos solidos monete predictae ad duos anni terminos . . . necnon duplicando dictas pecunie summas in introitu cuiuslibet heredis et assignati . . . et faciendo tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia per nos aut predecessores nostros . . . in palatio nostro Abirdonensi vel infra schiram eiusdem tenta . . . et tenentes suprascriptarum terrarum in exercitiis . . . regni . . . balliuo nostro sufficienter armati juxta patrie consuetudinem fideliter seruire tenebuntur necnon quilibet heres et assignatus . . . in suo primo introitu . . . nobis et successoribus nostris . . . fidelitatis iuramentum prestabit quod nos successores nostros sedem nostram Aberdonensem decanum et canonicos eiusdem necnon personas res et terras necnon christianam et orthodoxam fidem . . . pro posse . . . defendet . . . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus manuali nostra subscriptione subscriptis sigillum nostrum rotundum est appensum apud ciuitatem nostram Abirdonensem vigesimo tertio die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo septuagesimo primo coram testibus Martino Howesoune burgense de Abirdene Magistro Valtero Gordoune Thoma Maneris Magistro Stephano Maneris vicario de Fintre Willelmo Wardlaw et Hugone Hervie .

V^o eps. Abirdonen.

Service on Mamewlay.¹ —(A.D. 1706.)

April 12, 1706 . Special service of William Hervie as nearest heir of his father Mr. Robert Hervie of Mamewlay in . . . the lands of three quarters or three quarter parts of Mamewlay . . . viz. the towns and lands of old called Malameires and now called Over and Nether Rainnies hills . . . the towns and lands of Intoun of Mamewly the towns and lands of Stryps of Mamewly and also . . . that eighth part of said towns and lands of Mamewlay commonly called the shady half of Old-toun of Mamewlay with the manor place houses . . . and whole pertinents . . . all lying of old in the parish of St. Machar and now in the parish of New Machar called New Kirk of Monykeback and shire of Aberdeen Which whole lands and others above mentioned . . . are now held of the Queen (as coming in room and place of the late Bishops of Aberdeen . . .) in feu farm and heritage perpetually for yearly payment of the feu duties and underwritten viz. for the duty and grassum of . . . twelve pounds Scots three quarters of one mart three muttons three bolls and three firlots of barley with charity of four bolls and two firlots of oats with fodder nine capons nine house hens three geese five shillings for burden and ten shillings for services used and wont and also ten shillings and four pence in augmentation of the old rental along with twenty pence also in augmentation of the new rental and also twenty pence in new augmentation of said rental . . .

Service on Boddoms.¹ —(A.D. 1705.)

October 19, 1705 . Special service of Mr. William Forbes of Tolquhon as nearest heir of his uncle Sir Alexander Forbes of Tolquhon in . . . the towns lands and dominical lands of Boddoms with the mill of Boddoms mill lands . . . with . . . the . . . pertinents . . . lying in the parish of New Machar and shire of Aberdeen . . . held of the Queen and her successors as coming in room and place of the late Bishops of Aber-

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

deen . . . in feufarm fee and heritage perpetually for yearly payment of eleven pounds fifteen shillings Scots one boll one firloft one peck and one hadish of barley and one boll two firlofts of oats with fodder . . .

Service on Old Govill.¹—(A.D. 1677.)

November 2, 1677 . Special service of Jean and Margaret Kinties as nearest heiresses portioners of John Kintie their father and of William Johnston son of Elizabeth Kintie also daughter of the said John Kintie his grandfather in . . . the shady half of the lands of Old Govill with the multures etc. half of the salmon fishing on the water of Don . . . and pertinents lying in the parish of St. Machar barony of Monykeback and shire of Aberdeen also in . . . the sunny half of said lands of Old Govill with the multures etc. and half of the salmon fishing on the water of Don lying as aforesaid . . . held in chief of the King for service used and wont as in the charter of confirmation given the said John Kintie under the great seal by resignation of Thomas Gordon late of Dilspro formerly immediate superior thereof . . . dated 20th November 1638 . . .

Service on Little Govill.¹—(A.D. 1693.)

February 24, 1693 . Special service of Ann Irvine only daughter and child of Francis Irvine of Hiltown and spouse of Henry Panton now of Hiltown as nearest heiress of Mr. Alexander Irvine of Hiltowne her grandfather in . . . the towns and lands of Littlegovell and salmon fishing thereof lying on the water of Don with the fullers mill thereof and croft of said mill . . . with . . . liberty of . . . winning . . . turf and fuel . . . out of the lands of Oldgovell with the houses . . . etc. . . . and

¹ [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, MS. in *archivis ejusdem*.

The lands of Goule or Govill are said to have been granted to Edward, bishop of Aberdeen, by King Malcolm the Maiden. (*Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. i., p. 4) In the year 1543, one half of the lands of Gowlis and the lands of Lochhillis was fened to Henry Moultry; and in the year 1550, the other half, extending to twelve oxengangs, was leased to him for eighteen years. (*Id.*, vol. i., pp. 422, 450.)]

pertinents lying in the barony of _____ and shire of Aberdeen . . .
 Which lands . . . and others . . . were held of the deceased Sir Robert
 Innes of Balvenie knight baronet and are now held of _____ Innes of
 _____ or either of them or the heirs in progress of the said Sir Robert
 Innes in feu farm fee and heritage perpetually for yearly payment of the
 sum of ten pounds Scots . . .

THE PARISH OF NEWHILLS.¹

*Carta Roberti I. Regis de custodia Foreste Regie de le Stoket.*² —(A.D.
 1313.)

Robertus Dei gracia Rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius
 terre sue salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta
 nostra confirmasse burgensibus et communitati burgi nostri de Abirden
 curam et custodiam tocius foreste nostre de le Stoket cum pertinenciis
 Tenendam et habendam dicto burgo burgensibus et communitati eiusdem et
 eorum heredibus et successoribus per omnes rectas metas suas et diuisas

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 237-241.

The lands of Slaty, in this parish, are said to have been granted to Edward, bishop of Aberdeen, by King Malcolm the Maiden. (Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis. vol. i., p. 4.) On the twenty-second day of May, 1373, Bishop Alexander of Kyninmund, in consideration of the service rendered to him and his church by Donald Banerman, physician, and Alexander, his son and heir, granted these lands, lying in the thanage of Aberdeen, to Donald, in liferent, for yearly payment of four merks sterling, and rendering three suits at the Bishop's court at Rane. (Id., vol. i., pp. 116, 117.) On the thirty-first day of July, 1382, Reginald de Chyne made fealty to Adam, bishop of Aberdeen, for the lands of Clintree, held by him of the church of Aberdeen for yearly payment of eight pence or a pound of wax. (Id., vol. i., p. 141.) In the year 1430, Henry, bishop of Aberdeen, leased the town of Bischape Clyntree (now called Bishopston) to Gilbert of Ionstoun of Ballendauch during his life, for payment of the yearly tack duty of thirteen shillings and fourpence, and rendering yearly three suits at the three head courts of the shire of Aberdeen. (Id., vol. i., p. 230.)]

² [From the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

cum omnibus libertatibus commoditatibus et aisiamentis ad dictam forestam spectantibus seu de iure vel consuetudine in futurum spectare valentibus . saluis nobis viridi et venacione tantum / Concedimus eciam eidem burgo nostro . burgensibus et communitati eiusdem et eorum heredibus et successoribus / quod nullus justiciarius forestarum nostrarum nec aliquis alius regni nostri cuiuscunque condicionis fuerit siue status se intromittat seu cognicionem habeat super defectibus dicte foreste nostre / preter personam nostram et camerarium nostrum qui pro tempore fuerit / firmiter inhibentes ne quis contra hanc concessionem nostram ipsos burgenses vel communitatem heredes suos uel successores vexare presumat iniuste super nostram plenariam forisfacturam . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi Testibus Edwardo de Bruis comite de Carrik et domino Galwidie fratre nostro / Daud comite Atholie constabulario nostro Scocie / Thoma Ranulphi comite Moraue nepote nostro / Johanne de Meneteth / Gilberto de Haia / Alexandro de Meyners et Roberto de Keth marescallo nostro Scocie militibus / Apud Dunde vicesimo quarto die Octobris anno regni nostri octauo .

Carta Burgo de Aberdene ejusdem Burgi et Foreste del Stoket. ¹ —(A.D. 1319.)

Robertus Dei gratia Rex Scottorum omnibus . . . Salutem . Sciatis nos de consilio et ordinatione proborum Regni nostri concessisse et ad feodofirmam assedasse ac . . . confirmasse burgensibus nostris et communitati burgi nostri de Aberdene burgum nostrum de Aberdene predictum et forestam nostram del Stoket cum pertinentiis Tenenda . . . predictis burgensibus et communitati eorum heredibus et successoribus in perpetuum de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate et in libero burgagio . . . cum molendinis aquis piscariis minutis customis tolloneis curiis ponderibus mensuris et cum omnibus . . . pertinentiis . . . ad assedacionem dictorum burgi et foreste de iure . . . spectantibus . . . Reddendo inde nobis annuatim vel heredibus nostris . . . ducentas et

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

tresdecim libras sex solidos et octo denarios sterlingorum tantum in cameram nostram ad duos anni terminos . . . Volumus etiam . . . quod dicti burgenses nostri heredes et successores eorundem libere . . . in campis moris et aliis quibuscunque locis dicte foreste extra boscum del Stoket predicto burgo de Aberdene proxime adiacentem possint omnimodam culturam facere / mansiones et edificia construere / focalia fodere / ac alias quascunque commoditates exercere . . . prout melius viderint expedire / Saluo tantum nobis et heredibus nostris viridi grossarum arborum in predicto bosco et venacione similiter si in eadem foresta casualiter inueniatur / Concessimus eciam eidem burgo nostro burgensibus et communitati eiusdem heredibusque et successoribus suis quod nullus iusticiarius foreste vel aliquis alius Regni nostri cuiuscunque condicionis fuerit siue status super custodia presentis concessionis et infeodacionis nostre vel super defectibus eiusdem se aliquialiter intromittant aut cognitionem habeant nisi tantum camerarius noster qui pro tempore fuerit / Ita tamen quod quicunque super huiusmodi defectibus aut super destructione viridis aut venacionis in dicta foresta legaliter conuictus fuerit penam huiusmodi criminis subportet in propria persona et nullus alius / principali tamen concessione et infeodatione nostra in suo robore firmiter et perpetuo permanente / In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi / Testibus Willelmo et Willelmo Sancti Andree et Donkeldensi episcopis / Bernardo abbate de Aberbrothoc cancellario nostro / Thoma Ranulphi comite Morauie et domino Vallis Annandie et Mannie / Roberto de Keyth mariscallo nostro / Gilberto de Haya constabulario nostro / Alexandro Fraser camerario nostro militibus / Apud Berwyc super Twed decimo die Decembris anno regni nostri quarto decimo .

Carta Andree Wod de le Stoketwod etc. ¹ —(A.D. 1493.)

Apud Glenarthnay . xi. Decembris j^m. cccc. xcij. . Rex pro fidei et gratuito servicio etc. concessit Andree Wod de Ovir Blaretoune et heredibus suis terras vulgariter nuncupatas le Castellhil de Aberdeyne et le

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiii., no. 108, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

Stoketwod prope burgum et infra vicecomitatum de Aberdeyne . Reddendo annuatim Regi unum denarium argenti nomine albe firme . Testibus Roberto archiepiscopo Glasguensi Archibaldo comite Angusie domino Douglese cancellario Patricio comite de Boithwile Alexandro domino Hwme Roberto domino Lile et Johanne domino Glammys justiciariis Andrea domino Gray Georgio abbate de Dunfermlyng Henrico abbate de Cambuskynneth thesaurario Magistris Ricardo Murehed decano Glasguensi secretario Johanne Fresale decano de Lestallrig rotulorum et registri ac consilii clerico .

Ane decreyt gewin on the Stokat be the Lordis of Counsale.¹ —(A.D. 1494.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus . . . Salutem . Sciatis nos quoddam actum siue decretum per Dominos nostri Consilii inferius descriptos . . . promulgatum utique intellexisse sub hac forma . At Edinburgh the xix . day of Junij the yere of God j^m. iiij^c. lxxxiiij . yeris The Lordis of Counsall vnderwritten that is to say a maist reuerend and reuerend faderis in God Robert archbishop of Glasgw George bishop of Dunkeldin nobill and mighty lordis Archibald erle of Angus etc. cancellare of Scotland Archibald erle of Ergile Williame erle Merschell Johnne lord of Glammys Andro lord Gray Williame lord Borthuik Laurence lord Oliphaunt Robert lord Lile Johnne lord Drummond Williame lord of Sanct Johnns venerable faderis in God George abbot of Dunfermling Robert abbot of Kelso George abbot of Paslay Maister Richard Murehede dene of Glasgw and secretar to our Souerane Lord Maister Johnne Fresale dene of Lestallrig and clerk of the register Sir Duncane Forestar of Skipynch knight comptrollare to our Souerane Lord Johnne of Ogiluy sonn and apperand air to James lord Ogiluy of Arly Schir James Allerdess provost of Our Lady Kirk of the Heuch and Maister Richard Lausoun . Anent the terme assignit be a bill to the alderman baleyeis and communitie of Aberdene to produce and schew sic richtis as thai wald use anent the clame of the forest of Stokkat the Castellhill and

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

diuerse vthiris places clamyt to pertene to our Souerane Lord . Our Souerane Lordis aduocate and Andro Wod comperand for thare intereas and the parte of our Souerane Lord . Alexander Reide alderman of Aberdene and the procuratouris of the said tounn beand present the charter and infestment maid to the said tounne be King Robert the Broise of maist nobill mynde at lenth sene hard and understandin the Lordis of Consale tharwith ripely avisit decretis and deliueris that for ocht that thai haue yit sene the said alderman baillies and communitie sall broik and joise the said burgh of Abirdene with the pertinence as thai brokit of before because thai clamyt the said boundis and placis be vertew of the said charter ay and quhill thai be lauchfully put thairfra and but preiudice of oure Souerane Lordis richt . *Extractum de Libro Actorum per me Johannem Fresale decanum de Lestalrig clericum rotulorum . . . sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus . Quodquidem actum siue decretum ac omnia . . . in eodem contenta in omnibus . . . ratificamus et pro nobis et successoribus nostris . . . confirmamus . Datum sub testimonio magni sigilli nostri . Apud Edinburgh vicesimo die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo quarto et Regni nostri septimo .*

*Carta feodifirme piscariarum et terrarum Burgi de Aberdeen.*¹ —(A.D. 1553.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Prepositus Balliui Consules et Communitas Burgi de Abirdene . . . Salutem . Quia nos super republica dicti nostri burgi mutuo disceptantes ut policia eiusdem augeatur opesque inopibus nostri burgi incolis facilius accrescant recordantes etiam perliamenti statutorum per quondam nobilissimos Scotorum Reges . . . penes feudifirme locationem confectorum . . . Noueritis nos igitur unanimi consensu . . . acetiam pro certis pecuniarum summis . . . necnon pro rentalis nostri annua augmentatione ad summam duodecim librarum duorum solidorum et duorum denariorum usualis monete regni Scotie plusquam unquam dicte nostre piscarie et terre cum suis pertinentiis

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

singulis proficuis computatis tam antiqua firma quam quinquennali gressuma nobis aut predecessoribus nostris prius persoluebant cum expressis etiam facultate et licentia serenissime domine nostre Regine Marie . . . cum consensu . . . charissimi consanguinei sui et tutoris Jacobi ducis de Chattellerault Aranie comitis domini Hammiltoun regni Scotie protectoris et gubernatoris . . . et Secreti Consilii Dominorum sub magno sigillo nobis desuper concessis . . . assedasse . . . et ad feudifirmam . . . hereditarie dimisisse . . . nostris conciuibus respectiue subinsertis suisque heredibus et assignatis masculis . . . et nullis aliis . . . videlicet Thome Menzes de Petfoddellis nostro preposito . . . piscariam nostram unius dimedii rethis de ly Raik et Stellis solitam et consuetam super aqua de Dee acetiam terras nostras de Bogfarlay¹ Alexandro Ruderfurd dimedium eiusdem piscarie acetiam terras nostras de Rubbislaw Thome Chalmer et eo deficiente Alexandro Chalmer filio suo et heredi apparenti dimedium rethis eiusdem piscarie acetiam terras nostras de Gardin Dauidi Mar dimedium rethis eiusdem piscarie acetiam terras nostras de Kingishill² Gilberto Collison dimedium rethis eiusdem piscarie acetiam terras nostras de Frosterhill Alexandro Knowis dimedium rethis eiusdem piscarie Patricio Menzes dimedium rethis eiusdem Thome Menzes juniore filio et heredi quondam Andree Menzes dimedium rethis eiusdem Waltero Cullan dimedium rethis eiusdem Andree Lesly dimedium rethis eiusdem Andree Lowsoun et eo deficiente Johanni Lowsoun filio suo et heredi ap-

¹ [On the eighth day of March, 1560, Gilbert Mengzes resigned the lands of Bogfairlay in favour of Thomas Lindesay, burgess of Aberdeen, whose son, David Lindsay, on the twenty-first day of June, 1591, sold the lands to John Bannerman, burgess of Aberdeen, for the sum of 4250 merks Scots. In the year 1598, John Bannerman sold the lands for 5500 merks Scots to Patrick Donaldson, who, in the year 1620, sold them to James Cruickshank for 6250 merks. (Originals in the archives of the city of Aberdeen.) In 1648, James Cruickshank granted the lands to George Davidson, burgess of Aberdeen, who, in the year 1662, bequeathed them and the lands of Pettans and Westburn, in the parish of Belhelvie, for the payment of the stipend to a minister of the burgh of Aberdeen, any surplus remaining being for the benefit of the "Guild Box" of the burgh. (Ibid., and Mortifications under the charge of the Provost, Magistrates, and Town Council of Aberdeen, printed by order of the Town Council. Aberd., 1849, pp. 141, 143.)]

² [By deed, dated the seventh day of March, 1663, the above named George Davidsons, having built the kirk of Newhills, bequeathed to Mr. George Melvill at Newkirk, whom he appointed minister at the kirk he had built, and to his successors serving the cure of the said kirk, for payment of the minister's stipend in all things requisite to the ministerial calling, his town and lands of Kingishill (or Kepplehills), extending to five ploughs, in the parish of St. Machar and freedom of Aberdeen. (Contemporary copy in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.)]

parenti dimedium rethis eiusdem Villelmo Lyoun dimedium rethis piscarie de Mydchingill super eadem aqua de Dee Jacobo Collysone seniori dimedium rethis eiusdem Jacobo Cheyne dimedium rethis eiusdem Alexandro Cullane dimedium rethis eiusdem Jacobo Kyntor dimedium rethis eiusdem Johanni Nicholsons et deficientibus eo suisque heredibus et assignatis Thome Nicholson patruo et tutori suo dimedium rethis eiusdem Georgio Bisset dimedium rethis eiusdem Gilberto Guthre dimedium rethis eiusdem Georgio Menzes dimedium rethis eiusdem piscarie nunc occupatum per Alexandrum Gray Magistro Roberto Andersone dimedium rethis eiusdem Daudi Arrat tertiam partem rethis eiusdem Magistro Thome Menzeis dimedium rethis piscarie de ly Pot super eadem aqua de Dee Martino Howesoune dimedium rethis eiusdem Gilberto Mar dimedium rethis eiusdem Roberto Rattrey dimedium rethis eiusdem Andree Scherar dimedium rethis eiusdem Johanni Scherar dimedium rethis eiusdem Johanni Lesly dimedium rethis eiusdem Thome Andersone et eo deficiente Johanni Andersone filio suo et heredi apparenti dimedium rethis eiusdem Johanni Rolland et deficientibus eo suisque heredibus et assignatis antedictis Daudi Rolland patruo et tutori suo dimedium rethis eiusdem Jacobo Collisone juniori dimedium rethis eiusdem Alexandro Menzes filio Thome Menzes dimedium rethis piscarie de ly Fuirdis super eadem aqua de Dee Magistro Roberto Chalmer dimedium rethis eiusdem acetiam terras nostras de Hessilheyd Johanni Knowis dimedium rethis eiusdem Patricio Cullane dimedium rethis eiusdem Archebaldo Sengour dimedium rethis eiusdem Alexandro Lowsoun dimedium rethis eiusdem Roberto Crag dimedium rethis eiusdem Thome Branche dimedium rethis eiusdem nunc occupatum per Gilbertum Kyntor Roberto Mar dimedium rethis eiusdem nunc occupatum per Alexandrum Blinschell Johanni Maly-soune dimedium rethis eiusdem nunc occupatum per Patricium Gray Villelmo Farquharsoune dimedium rethis eiusdem nunc occupatum per Andream Stewyn vel saltem occupatum per suos subtenentes nominibus suis respectiue Gilberto Menzes seniori dimedium rethis piscarie aque de Done Johanni Blak dimedium rethis eiusdem piscarie Alexandro Collisone dimedium rethis eiusdem piscarie Johanni Irwyne dimedium rethis eiusdem piscarie acetiam terras nostras dimedietatis ville de Schedokisley ¹

¹ [On the eighth day of January, 1596, Andrew Tullideff, the son of Gilbert Tullideff, granted the lands of Schedockisley to Alexander Jaffray, burgess of Aberdeen, who, in the same year, conveyed them to John Irving of Kincowale, burgess of Aberdeen. In the year 1597,

Gilberto Malysone tertiam partem rethis eiusdem piscarie Gilberto Brabaner tertiam partem rethis eiusdem piscarie Daudi Menzes sextam partem piscarie de ly Cruwis super eadem aqua de Done Gilberto Kyntoir sextam partem eiusdem piscarie Alexandro Hay sextam partem eiusdem piscarie Alexandro Fresar octauam partem eiusdem piscarie Andree Menzes et deficientibus eo suis heredibus et assignatis Roberto Menzes octauam partem eiusdem piscarie Joanni Reid octauam partem eiusdem piscarie Gilberto Knowis dimedium octaue partis eiusdem piscarie acetiam dimedietatem ville terrarum de Cruwis Gilberto Menzes juniore terras nostras de Tullo Johanni Mar terras nostras de Kingiswallis quas nunc occupat per se et suos subtenentes . . . cum . . . pertinentiis quibuscunque . . . Tenendas . . . prefatis nostris conciuibus . . . suisque heredibus et assignatis masculis burgensibus et actualiter incolis dicti nostri burgi in eo libertate priuelegiorum fruentibus et mercium mutationem frequentantibus et nullis aliis de nobis et successoribus nostris . . . in feudifirma . . . hereditaria ac in libero burgagio imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris . . . quicumque possessor . . . uniuscuiusque piscarie dimedii rethis de ly Raik et Stellis antedictae summam octo librarum trium solidorum et duorum denariorum . . . monete regni Scotie . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale annuatim ad summam sex solidorum et octo denariorum monete antedictae Quicumque possessor . . . uniuscuiusque piscarie dimedii rethis de Mydchingill summam sex librarum quindecim solidorum et decem denariorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale annuatim ad summam trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum Quicumque possessor . . . tercie partis rethis de Mydchingill summam quatuor librarum decem solidorum et septem denariorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale annuatim ad summam duorum solidorum et trium denariorum Quicumque possessor . . .

John Irving of Kincowsie, and Alexander and John, his sons, as tutors of John Irving, his grandson, granted them to Thomas Forbes, younger, burgess of Aberdeen, whose son, William Forbes, had a charter of confirmation of the lands from the provost, baillies, council, and community, in the year 1621. Before the year 1642, the lands belonged to Andrew Burnet, who, in that year, resigned them in favour of Alexander Burnet, his eldest son. In 1677, James Burnet of Shethockisley granted the lands to the Dean of Guild of Aberdeen, for the use of the Guild Wine Fund. The Dean of Guild granted them, in the year 1702, to William Taylor, burgess of Aberdeen. (Originals in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.)]

cuiuslibet piscarie dimedii rethis de ly Pot summam quatuor librarum et duorum solidorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale . . . ad summam duorum solidorum Quicunque possessor . . . cuiuslibet piscarie rethis de ly Furdis summam triginta trium solidorum et sex denariorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale . . . ad summam octodecim denariorum Quicunque possessor . . . cuiuslibet piscarie dimedii rethis aque de Done summam nouem librarum et sexdecim solidorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale . . . ad summam quatuor solidorum . . . Quicunque possessor . . . cuiuslibet tercie partis rethis piscarie de Done summam sex librarum decem solidorum et octo denariorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale . . . ad summam duorum solidorum et octo denariorum Quicunque possessor . . . cuiuslibet piscarie sexte partis de ly Cruwis summam quatuor librarum trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale . . . ad summam trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum Quicunque possessor . . . cuiuslibet piscarie octaue partis de ly Cruwis summam trium librarum et duorum solidorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale . . . ad summam duorum solidorum Quicunque possessor . . . cuiuslibet piscarie dimedii octaue partis de ly Cruwis summam triginta unius solidorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale . . . ad summam duodecim denariorum Quicunque possessor . . . dictarum terrarum de Bogfarlay summam trium librarum decem solidorum et octo denariorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale . . . ad summam sex solidorum et octo denariorum . . . Quilibet possessor . . . dictarum terrarum de Rubbislaw summam quatuor librarum sex solidorum et octo denariorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale . . . ad summam sex solidorum et octo denariorum Quilibet possessor . . . dictarum terrarum de Gardyn summam quinque librarum et sex solidorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale . . . ad summam decem solidorum Quilibet possessor . . . dictarum terrarum de Frosterhill summam quinquaginta unius solidorum et quatuor denariorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale . . . ad summam trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum . . . Quilibet possessor . . . dictarum terrarum de Hessilheid summam trium librarum septem solidorum et quatuor denariorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum nostrum rentale . . . ad summam trium soli-

dorum et quatuor denariorum Quilibet possessor . . . dictarum terrarum de Kingiswallis tantundem per omnia sicuti possessor . . . de Hesselheid Quilibet possessor . . . dimidietatis ville et terrarum de Schedokisley tantundem per omnia sicuti possessor . . . de Hesselheid Quilibet possessor . . . dictarum terrarum de Tullo tantundem per omnia sicuti dictus possessor de Hesselheid cum augmentatione quatuor denariorum Quilibet possessor . . . dimidietatis ville de Cruffis summam quadraginta unius solidorum et octo denariorum . . . et sic augmentando dictum rentale . . . ad summam viginti denariorum . . . Quilibet possessor . . . dictarum terrarum de Kingishill summam quadraginta solidorum que prius in rentali nostro ultra memoriam hominum nihil persoluebant . . . ad duos anni terminos usuales . . . nomine feudifirme Necnon quilibet de nouo intrans ad huiusmodi piscarias seu terras duplicabit feudifirmam antedictam in suo primo introitu ad easdem tantum . . . Prouiso tamen . . . quod dicti nostri conciuēs sui heredes et assignati masculi antedicti nullo modo sint exempti a curiis et placitis dicti nostri burgi nec a solutione subsidiorum et contributionum que taxtis et stentis appellantur neque a debitis seruiciis et obedienciis dicto nostro burgo nostris officiariis gubernatoribus et publica officia gerentibus prius solitis et consuetis Prouiso etiam quod non erit licitum ulli femine . . . fruendi nec possidendi antedictas piscarias seu terras nec ullam partem . . . earundem in vitali reddito . . . quouismodo Adhec non licebit dictis nostris conciuibus suis heredibus aut assignatis . . . duas dimidietates rethium siue duas piscarias neque duas villas terrarum insimul hereditarie possidere . . . Insuper non erit licitum dictis nostris conburgensibus heredibus suis aut assignatis nec eorum tenentibus terras modo non cultas prefatarum terrarum . . . de nouo arare manurare colere urere nec seminare quouismodo in futurum (dempto possessore . . . dictarum terrarum de Kingishill et suis heredibus et assignatis antedictis eorumque tenentibus quibus licitum erit laborare arare et seminare easdem terras infra limites specificatos in carta nostra particulari desuper confecta . . . attento quod huiusmodi terre de presenti sunt penitus vaste . . . steriles nullum fructum producentes) et quod ceteri nostri conburgenses conuicini et incole dicti nostri burgi presentes et futuri . . . fruuntur priuilegiis solitis pascenti animalia et pecora ac . . . fodiendi et ducendi glebas . . . turbaria . . . et id genus quid comburendum infra communiam dicti burgi toties

quoties opus fuerit . . . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus maioris partis commissariorum nostrorum pro tempore subscriptionibus manualibus roboratis sigillum nostrum commune appendi fecimus Apud Abirdene duodecimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo tertio coram testibus Domino Jacobo Barclay Magistro Eduardo Menzess capellanis Magistris Andrea Herwy Thoma Young Gilberto Murray Johanne Nicholsoun et Joanne Kennedy notariis publicis cum diuersis aliis .

Thomas Menzes vytht my hand.

Alex^r. Rutherford witht my hand
at the pene lede at my sone
M. Patryk Rutherford.

Alexander Knouis wyttht my hand.

Dauid Mar witht my hand.

Thomas Chalmer witht my hand
at the pene led be Maister
Johnn Nicholsoun notar publict.

V. Cullane ad hec.

Ita est magister Joannes Nicholsoun notarius publicus ad hec manu propria .

Confirmatio regia Andree Fraser de Stanywod ejusque sponse. ¹—(A D. 1501.)

Apud Dernway . xxi. Novembris j^m. ccccc. i. . Rex confirmavit Andree Fraser de Stanywod et Murielle Suthirland ejus sponse et eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus legitimis dicti Andree procreandis quibuscunque terras de Mekle Clynterta et Litol Clynterta una cum bina parte terrarum de Weltoune in baronia de Stanywod infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas dictus Andreas personaliter resignavit . Testibus Jacobo Sancti Andree archiepiscopo Wilhelmo episcopo Abirdonensi Archibaldo comite de Ergile Patricio comite de Boithuile Alexandro domino Hume Andrea domino Gray Ricardo Murhed Gawino Dunbar decano Moraviensi rotulorum registri et consilii clerico .

[From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xlii., no. 556, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

Inquisitio Thome Fraser.¹ —(A.D. 1505.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene penultimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirden in domo Domini Johannis infra dictum burgum pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Johannem Forbes de Petslego Willelmum Craufurd de Federay Walterum Dempstar de Outhirles Thomam Craufurd filium et heredem apparentem dicti Willelmi Craufurd de Federay Johannem Fraser Georgium Lesly de eodem Alexandrum Caldour de Sonnoherd Alexandrum Gordoun de Kennerte Alexandrum Tulloucht de Moncoffir Ronaldum Oudny filium et heredem apparentem Willelmi Oudny de eodem Alexandrum Wentoun de Andait Andream Crag de Cragisfintray Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Johannem Forbes de Echt Willelmum Blakhall de Barraucht de Bourty Johannem Dunbrek de eodem et Thomam Burnet de Gask Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Andreas Fraser de Stanewod miles pater Thome Fraser latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris baronie de Stanewod cum suis annexis tenentibus tenendrijs et libere tenentium seruiciis Et de terris de Kynmondy cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in baronia de Audane infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Thomas est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Andree patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre baronie de Stanewod cum suis . . . pertinenciis valent nunc per annum octoginta marcas Et valuerunt quadraginta marcas tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Kynmondy cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum viginti libras Et valuerunt decem libras tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre baronie de Staniwod cum suis . . . pertinenciis tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium varde et releuij Et quod dicte terre de Kynmondy cum pertinenciis tenentur in capite de domino Comite Mariscalli barone de Audane per seruicium varde et releuij Et quod dicte terre baronie de Staniwod cum suis . . . pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

. . . Et quod dicte terre de Kynmondy cum pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus dicti domini Comitis baronis de Audane per . . . spacium viginti vnus ebdomidarum et quatuor dierum aut eocirca legitime et per seipsum per decessum dicti quondam Andree patris sui in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis .

Reversion of James Chene of the lands of Crabstoun.¹—(A.D. 1536.)

Be it kend till all men . . . me James Chene burgess of Abirden to be bundyne . . . me my airis and assignais to ane honorabill man James Gordoun of Abirzeldy his airis and assignais Forsamekle as the said James Gordoun : . . hes sellyt . . . to me my airis and assignais . . . the landis of Crabstoun with the pertinence . . . lyand in the baronrye of Grandoun within the shirefdome of Abirden to be haldin of oure Souerane Lord the Kinge . . . Nochtwithstandinge quhat tyme . . . it sall happin the said James Gordoun his airis or assignais to . . . pay to me my ayris or assignais the sovme of sewyntene scoire of merkis in gold of angell nobillis crownis of weicht unycornis and Leitht crownis . . . witht ane sufficient lettre of tak . . . of the said landis . . . for al the . . . termes of fyfteyne zeiris . . . followinge the rademynge . . . of the said landis for tene merkis of pennye maill . . . monye of Scotland . . . and als ane sufficient lettre of balyerye of the said landis . . . for . . . the said fyfteyne zeiris . . . thane . . . I my airis and assignais . . . sall . . . ranunce . . . the said landis and tovne . . . to the said James Gordoun his ayris and assignais . . . In witnes of the quhilk to this my rauersioun subscriuit with my hand at the pene I haue apensyt my propir seill at Abirden the fyft day of August in the yeire of God a thousand fywe hundyre thrytty and sax yeiris afoire thir witnes Wilzeam Mortimare of Cragevare Wilzeam Grant Sir Wilzeam Forbes chapillane Robert Barboure burgess of Abirden Wilzeam Cristesone and Maister Jhone Nicholsone notare publice with wthir diuerss.

James Cheyne witht my hand at the pene
led be Maistir Jhon Nicholsone notar publice.

¹ [Abridged from a transumpt in the charter chest at Abergeldie.]

THE PARISH OF DYCE.¹

Protestatio Vicarii de Diyss.² —(A.D. 1537.)

Octauo Januarii anno [j^m. v^o.] xxxvj^o. Quo die personaliter constitutus Dominus Alexander Oistes vicarius pensionarius de Diyss coram Magistro Duncano Oudny decano Xpianitatis de Gareaucht asserens et allegans . Robertum Innes in Diyss comparuisse ad assisam temporalem visitacionis domini nostri Episcopi Aberdonensis tentam apud Kintor dicto die / non citatum sed ex suo proprio motu / racione cuius asseruit quod dictus Robertus non est admittendus ad assisam antedictam sed omnino repellendus et quicquid actum fuerit per eundem super huiusmodi assisa coram dicto Decano sibi minime preiudicaret solempniter protestatus est Super quibus petiit instrumentum Acta apud summum altare infra ecclesiam parrochiam de Kintor hora x. ante meridiem presentibus Magistro Roberto Daudsone vicario de Kynnellar Domino Johanne Thomson capelano Thoma Scherar et me notario publico .

Concessio regia Willelmo Johnstone.³ —(A.D. 1472.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxxi. Augusti j^m. cccc. lxxii. . Rex concessit Willelmo Jhonstoune filio juniore Gilberti de Jhonstoune de eodem et

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, p. 244.

In the Household Book of Archbishop Sharp of St. Andrews, there is entered, on the 31st of March, 1666, a payment of L.183 6s. 8d. Scots, received "from Doctor Moir for his composition at his entrie to the Kirktoone of Dyce." (Miscellany of the Maitland Club, vol. ii., part ii., p. 530.)

On the twenty-sixth day of November, 1488, James IV. confirmed a charter of Thomas, bishop of Aberdeen, bequeathing annuities of three pounds from the lands of Kyntor, thirty three shillings and four pence from the lands of Kynellor, and twenty shillings from the lands of Diss, for the support of a chaplain performing religious services at any altar in the cathedral of Aberdeen, for the souls of himself, his parents and friends, etc. The chapel so founded was annexed by the King to the choir of the cathedral.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 320.)]

² [From the General Register House.]

³ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. vii., no. 244, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

heredibus suis terras de Ballendauche cum molendino earundem infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas idem Gilbertus resignavit . Reservato libero tenemento dicto Gilberto et Elizabethæ Forbes sponse sue et eorum alteri diutius viventi Testibus Thoma episcopo Aberdonensi Henrico episcopo Rossensi Andrea domino Avandale etc. Colino comite de Ergile etc. David comite de Craufurde etc. Johanne domino Dernle Johanne de Culquhone de eodem etc. Archibaldo de Quhitlaw etc. Johanne de Layng rectore de Newlands .

Confirmatio Alexandro Johnnestoune ejusque sponse. ¹ —(A.D. 1499.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxii. Januarii j^m. cccc. xviii. . Rex confirmavit Alexandro Jhonestoune de eodem et Agneti Glauster ejus sponse et eorum alteri diutius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus suis inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquiorebus heredibus dicti Alexandri quibuscunque totas terras foreste de Cordyse cum tenentibus etc. earundem infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas idem Alexander personaliter resignavit .

Confirmatio Willelmo Johnnestoun de eodem.² —(A.D. 1509.)

Apud Edinburghe . xviii. Augusti j^m. ccccc. ix. . Rex confirmavit cartam Alexandri Johnnestoun de Ballindach [in qua concessit Willelmo Johnnestoun de eodem heredibus suis et assignatis terras de Ballindach et molendinum earundem in foresta de Cordice infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene (in excambium pro dimedietate terrarum ville de Creichmonde in baronia de Johnnestoun infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene) Testibus Willelmo Gordonne de Scheves Anthonio Keithe Johanne Mar David Andersoun Magistro Alexandro Setoune vicario de Bothelny Gilberto Chalmer vicario de Tulich Alexandro Horne burgensi de Aberdene Gil-

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiii., no. 369. MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin. On the twenty-fifth day of October, 1316, King Robert I. granted a charter of the forest of Cordys, to Sir James of Garuyach, knight, to be held for the fifth part of a knight's service in the King's host, and the Scottish service used and wont. The marches of the forest are minutely described in the charter.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 48.)]

² [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xv., no. 154. MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

berto Berclay et Domino Johanne Striveling notario publico . Apud Abirdene xxvi. Januarii j^m. v^o. viii.] Testibus Willelmo episcopo Abirdonensi Archibaldo comite de Ergile Matheo comite de Levenax Alexandro domino Hume Andrea domino Gray Georgio abbate de Aberbrothok Magistro Gawino Dunbar .

Service on Badindach Bogislyes, etc.¹ —(A.D. 1673.)

June 4, 1673 . Special service of Charles Dune burgess of Aberdeen as nearest heir of his father Charles Dune merchant of Aberdeen in . . . the towns and lands of Badindach and Bogislyes with meal and fullers mills thereof mill lands . . . of the same and also in . . . the lands of Damegrein and Tillieronach which are proper parts and pendicles of said lands of Bogieslyes and also in . . . the towns and lands of Craige Pleyhaugh and Woodland with their pendicles called Boginioys and multures thereof and also in the astrict multures of . . . the lands of the forrest or barony of Cordyce with the sunny and shady halves thereof and specially the multures of the towns and lands of Corshill Butchhill Standing Stones Slipie hillecks Old Overtowne of Dyce with crofts . . . and pertinents thereof extending to twenty four pecks for multure and to a fourth part of a peck for knaveship for each boll along with . . . the pertinents of said sunny or shady half of said forrest or barony of Cordyce and particular lands mill lands and others lying within the parish of Dyce barony of Johnston by annexation and sherifdom of Aberdeen with special liberty . . . of casting and carrying fuel and fogage on all occasions from the sunny half of the Moss of Bandowie lying within the bounds of the east and sunny half of said forest or barony of Cordyce Which lands and others are held of the King for service of ward and relief . . .

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.

On the twenty-second day of October, 1697, Thomas Shand was served nearest heir to his brother, William Shand of Craig, in the above-mentioned lands. (Ibid.)]

Service on Balliestoun.¹ —(A.D. 1704.)

July 28, 1704 . Special service of John Skeen as nearest heir of his father Alexander Skeen of Dyce in . . . the just and equal two parts of the town and lands of Balliestoun with the multures and sequels thereof and salmon fishing on the water of Don pertaining to the same with liberty of casting and carrying away peats and fewall in the mosses of Fintray Cowstaines Woodhead and Logie . . . with the . . . pertinents . . . lying in the parish of Dyce and shire of Aberdeen . . . and . . . held of the Queen in fee heritage and taxed ward perpetually for yearly payment of twenty merks Scots as the proportional part . . . owing for said two parts of the lands of Bailliestoun with the pertinents of the sum of two hundred and fifty merks Scots which is the taxed payable for ward and nonentry of the lands and barony of Skeen belonging to the deceased John Skeen of Skeen and of all the foresaid lands of Bailliestoun and others contained in charter under the great seal granted by Charles II. in favor of the said John Skeen of Skene dated 18th February 1678 . . . also for payment of the like sum of twenty merks as the proportional part . . . of the like sum of two hundred and fifty merks owing for relief of the foresaid lands of Skeen and Bailliestoun . . . with the sum of forty merks Scots as the proportional part of the sum of fifty merks . . . for the marriage of an heir or heirs . . .

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

THE PARISH OF FINTRAY.¹

Confirmatio Archiepiscopi Sancti Andree Willelmo Wod.² —(A.D. 1552.)

Joannes miseratione diuina archiepiscopus Sancti Andree regni Scotie primas ac cum potestate legati a latere sanctissimi domini nostri Pape et Sancte sedis Apostolice legatus dilectis nobis in Christo Decano et Archidiacono ecclesie Aberdonensis ac Joanni Michelsoun et Jacobo Gordon eiusdem ecclesie canonicis salutem . . . Sane pro parte . . . Willelmi Wod laici Sancte Andree vel alterius diocesis nobis oblata petitio continebat quod . . . Joannes abbas et conuentus Monasterii de Lundoris . . . in augmentationem census annui eiusdem ad summam viginti sex solidorum et octo denariorum usualis monete regni Scotie ac pro summa centum marcharum . . . eisdem Abbati et Conuentui . . . persoluta . . . molendinum de Fyntra cum lie Myltown eiusdem ac hortum inter aquas cum toftis croftis et aqueductu dicti molendini ac aliis pertinentiis eiusdem cum lie Cottir multir villarum de Ester et Vester Fyntra Kilmuk Cragforthe Monkegy Logyfyntre et Frosterseitt et knaschip de Bawbethane et Adervik solui usitatis . . . reseruata tamen Abbati et Conuentui prefatis . . . arida multura annuatim per tenentes . . . sibi reddi solita . . . Ex quibus Abbas et Conuentus huiusmodi summam quinque librarum et nouemdecim solidorum unacum sex caponibus et sex gallinis ac uno lie custum wadder et una bolla auenarum vulgo ane custum boll of aittis cum pabulo perprieus annuatim percipere tantum consueuerunt dicto exponenti heredibusque suis . . . in feudifirmam . . . perpetuam hereditarie imperpetuum tenenda . . . cum libero introitu et exitu ad communem pasturam seu pasturas quascunque in utrisque villis de Ester et Vester Fyntra ex utraque parte torrentis earundem et si contigerit ten-

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 245-249.

On the thirteenth day of September, 1257, Pope Alexander IV. ratified the provision made by the Abbot and Convent of Lundoris to the vicar of the parish church of Fintray, of a yearly stipend of eighteen merks, the altarage of the church, an acre of land next the mother church for a manse, and the half of the teind sheaves of the land of Loginfentre then cultivated. (Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. I., p. 23.)]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Shene House.

entes dictarum villarum de Ester et Vester Fyntra redigere ad nouam culturam aliquas terras in sua communitate et pasturis existentes . . . licebit dicto exponenti et heredibus suis antedictis redigere ad culturam suam decimam octauam partem dictarum terrarum in communia et pastura existentium magis propinquam dicto molendino et terris arabilibus eiusdem . . . sub annuo canone siue censu septem librarum quinque solidorum et octo denariorum . . . unacum sex caponibus et sex gallinis ac uno lie custum waddir et una bolla auenarum videlicet ane custum boll of aittis cum pabulo . . . persoluendo . . . cum hoc etiam ut exponens et heredes huiusmodi tres sectas curie ad eorundem Abbatis et Conuentus tria placita capitalia sue curie de Fyntra annuatim facere necnon ad curias Justiciarie et Camerarie Abbatis et Conuentus . . . et ad exercitum Regium quoties opus fuerit cum seruiicio ariagie et carriagie cum dimidia parte equi sufficientis et seruo cum expensis competentibus comparere teneantur nomine feudifirme tantum . . . Cupiatque propterea idem exponens illas pro earum subsistentia firmiori apostolice confirmationis munimine roborari . . . Nos igitur . . . mandamus quatenus . . . uos . . . de . . . concessione . . . et dimissione prefatis ut prefertur factis diligenter vos informetis et si per informationem eandem quod ille in euidentem dicti Monasterii utilitatem cesserint et cedant repperitis . . . concessionem . . . et dimissionem huiusmodi ac . . . omnia . . . in charta seu literis predictis contenta et inde secuta quecunque licita tamen et honesta dicta auctoritate approbetis et confirmetis . . . Datum Linlithqwo nostre Sancti Andree diocesis anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo secundo decimo sexto kalendas Aprilis pontificatus sanctissimi domini nostri Pape Julij iij. anno quarto .

T. Bleid abb^{uo}.

F. Petrus pro Magistro Alexandro
Forrest secretario.

Confirmatio Archiepiscopi Sancti Andree Willelmo Forbes ejusque uxori.¹ — (A.D. 1552.)

Joannes miseratione diuina archiepiscopus Sancti Andree regni Scotie

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Skene House.]

primas ac cum potestate legati a latere sanctissimi domini nostri Pape et Sancte sedis Apostolice legatus dilectis nobis in Christo Decano ecclesie Aberdonensis et Henrico Lumisdaile ac Joanni Elphinstoun necnon Jacobo Gordon et Joanni Michelson eiusdem ecclesie canonicis salutem . . . Exhibita siquidem nobis pro parte . . . Willelmi Forbes filii et apparentis heredis Joannis domini in temporalibus de Forbes Aberdonensis diocesis et Elizabeth Keith dicti Willelmi uxoris petitio continebat quod . . . Joannes modernus abbas et conuentus monasterii de Lundoris . . . pro augmentatione annui redditus eiusdem Monasterii ad summam quadraginta solidorum usualis monete regni Scotie ac pro summa trecentarum marcharum similis monete Abbati et Conuentui prefatis . . . persoluta . . . omnes et singulas terras de Logofintra cum ly Frostar Seittes et cum singulis pertinentiis suis iacentes infra baroniam de Fintra . . . Ex quibus dictus Joannes et pro tempore existens Abbas seu Commendatarius dicti Monasterii ac Conuentus eiusdem summam sex librarum similis monete perprius annuatim percipere tantum consueuerunt Exponentibus prefatis et eorum alteri diutius uiuenti in coniuncta infeudatione ac heredibus suis . . . in feudifirmam . . . perpetuam hereditarie imperpetuum tenendas . . . Reseruatis tamen tribus acris quas quidam Joannes Catta pro custodia sylue de Fintra . . . tenet . . . Necnon reseruata etiam dicta sylua ac illius usu et proprietate Abbati et successoribus suis ac Conuentui prefatis sub annuo canone . . . octo librarum . . . cum tribus sectis ad tria placita capitalia . . . Necnon cum hoc quod exponentes ac heredes et assignati prefati compareant . . . ad curiam iusticiarii et camerarii Abbatis et Conuentus predictorum . . . Ac . . . grana in dictis terris crescentia apud eiusdem Monasterii molendinum de Fintra annuatim molere Necnon seruitium et expensas pro sustentatione quarte partis unius equi cum seruo equestri sufficienti tempore belli in exercitu Regio contra inuasores regni . . . facere teneantur . . . Cupiantque propterea exponentes prefati illas pro earum subsistentia firmiori apostolice confirmationis munimine roborari . . . Nos igitur . . . mandamus quatenus uos . . . de . . . concessione . . . et dimissione premissis uos diligenter informetis et si . . . uobis legitime constiterit illas in euidentem utilitatem dicti Monasterii cessisse et cedere . . . omnia et singula in charta seu literis predictis contenta et inde secuta quecunque licita tamen et honesta . . . approbetis et confirmetis

. . . Datum Edinburgi nostre Sancti Andree diocesis anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo secundo octavo Idus Decembris pontificatus sanctissimi domini nostri Pape Julij iij. anno tertie .

THE PARISH OF KINTORE. ¹

Confirmatio Domino Roberto de Keth militi. ²—(A.D. 1407.)

Robertus dux Albanie . . . Sciatis nos quandam cartam dilecti patris nostri Willelmi de Keth militis domini ejusdem marescalli Scocie . . . concessam dilecto fratri nostro Roberto de Keth militi domino de Troupe filio suo et heredi . . . intellexisse ad plenum in hec verba OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris . . . Willelmus de Keth dominus ejusdem marescallus Scocie . . . Sciatis nos dedisse . . . filio nostro Domino Roberto de Keth militi domino de Troupe heredi nostro legitime constituto omnes terras baronie nostre de Keth cum pertinenciis . . . infra vicecomitatum de Edynburgh in constabularia de Hadyngton cum officio Marescallie Scocie et omnibus feodis et pertinenciis ejusdem / omnes terras de Colbanyston cum tenentibus earundem et eorum serviciis et superioritatem dictarum terrarum cum aduocatione ecclesie earundem infra vicecomitatum de Lanark . omnes terras baronie nostre de Aldene et foreste de Kyntor et Carnbrowys ad taxationem quatuor dauatarum de Strabolgy cum liberetenentibus earundem terrarum et eorum serviciis et ceteris suis pertinenciis infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene et superioritatem unius dauate terre de Drumhane et unius dauate de Achnahamper infra vicecomitatum de Banf . Tenendas . . . dicto Domino Roberto et heredibus suis masculis de domino Rege Scocie in capite secundum . . . formam . . . carte de

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 249-251.

Two chaplains were founded by Sir Robert Keith in the cathedral of Aberdeen, to whom he assigned yearly twenty merks from his lands of Kintore. (Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. ii., p. 67.)]

² [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, pp. 244, 245, no. 11.]

eisdem terris confecte recolende memorie quondam domini Roberti Regis Scocie primi quondam Domino Roberto de Keth marescallo Scocie avunculo nostro per ordinacionem sui parlamenti . . . Certificamus eciam . . . quod non est intentionis nostre . . . extra . . . formam dicte carte predicti domini Regis in aliquo punctu variare . . . Reservatis tamen nobis semper redditibus earundem et liberis tenementis pro toto tempore vite nostre . In cujus rei etc. Apud Aberdene vicesimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexto . QUAM QUIDEM CARTAM . . . in omnibus . . . ratificamus et confirmamus . Salvo Regi et heredibus suis de predictis terris foresta et officio cum pertinentiis servicio debito et consueto . In cujus rei etc. Testibus Gilberto episcopo Abirtonensi cancellario Scocie Waltero Senescalli comite Atholie et de Catnes Thoma comite Moravie Patricio comite de Stratherne Willelmo de Grahame Johanne Senescalli de Lorn et Georgio de Lesly de Fythkill militibus . Apud Perth duodecimo die mensis Marcii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexto et gubernacionis nostre anno primo .

Preceptum Regium in favorem Archibaldi de Douglas et Elizabeth Dunbar.¹ —(A.D. 1466.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum vicecomiti et balliuis suis de Abirden salutem Quia concessimus hereditarie dilecto et fideli nostro Archibaldo de Douglas filio secundo genito dilecti consanguinei nostri Jacobi comitis de Douglas totas et integras terras de Kyntor cum pertinentiis jacentes infra balliam vestram que fuerunt Jonete et Elizabeth de Dunbar filiarum quondam Jacobi de Dunbar comitis Morauię hereditarie et quas dicte Joneta et Elizabeth in manibus nostris . . . simpliciter . . . in sua pura et simplici virginitate resignarunt Tenendas . . . dictas terras domini de Kyntor . . . predictis Archibaldo et Elizabeth et eorum alteri diucius viuenti ac heredibus masculis inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus forte deficientibus heredibus masculis de corpore dicti Archibaldi legitime procreandis quibus forte deficientibus ceteris filiis dicti Jacobi et heredibus suis masculis de corporibus suis legitime procreandis quibus forte de-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Castle Forbes.]

ficientibus veris legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicte Elizabeth quibuscunque . . . Vobis precipimus . . . quatinus dictis Archibaldo et Elizabeth vel eorum certo attornato . . . saisinam hereditariam dicti dominii de Kyntor . . . iuste haberi faciatis . . . Teste meipso Apud Edinburgh vicesimo sexto die mensis Aprilis anno regni nostri sexto .

Concessio Regia Alexandro Lesly de Wardris.¹ —(A.D. 1473.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxx. Septembris . j^m. cccc. lxxij. . Rex concessit et ad feodifirmam dimisit scutifero suo Alexandro Lesly de Warderis et heredibus suis terras thanagii de Kyntor cum universis annuis redditibus earundem infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene in augmentationem regii rentalis et pro continuo et fideli servicio dicti Alexandri sibi impenso Que terre etc. temporibus retroactis extendebant annuatim ad quadraginta quinque libras Reddendo et solvendo annuatim Episcopo Abirdonensi pro decimo denario de dicto thanagio sibi et ecclesie sue debito quatuor libras quatuor solidos Vicecomiti de Forfare et successoribus suis videlicet heredibus quondam Alexandri Ogilvy de Uchtirhouse quibuscunque tres libras ac Regi nomine feodifirme quinquaginta libras et viginti duo solidos octo denarios tantum . Testibus Andrea episcopo Glasguensi Thoma episcopo Aberdonensi Andrea domino Avandale Colino comite de Ergile David comite de Craufurde Magistro David Guthre de eodem milite capitaneo garde Regis Johanne Layng rectore de Newlandis Archibaldo de Quhitelaw .

Carta Episcopo Aberdonensi.² —(A.D. 1478.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Jacobus comes Buchanie dominus

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. vii., no. 62. MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.]

In the following year, the Bishop assigned the above annual rents to a chaplain performing religious services, at any altar in the cathedral, for the souls of the Bishop, his parents, friends, &c.; and King James IV., in confirming this disposition of the Bishop, in the year 1488, allowed the chapel, so founded, to be united to the choir of the cathedral, ordaining the chaplain to perform the same duties as the other vicars of the choir. (Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 320.)]

de Uchtirhouss ac Gardianus Mediarum Merchiarum regni Scotie versus Angliam et magnus camerarius regni Scotie salutem . . . Noueritis me dedisse . . . reuerendo in Christo patri ac domino Domino Thome . . . episcopo Abirdonensi omnes et singulos . . . annuos redditus subscriptos . . . videlicet unum annum redditum trium librarum usualis monete regni Scotie . . . de terris de Kyntor cum pertinentiis ac etiam unum annum redditum triginta trium solidorum et quatuor denariorum prefate monete . . . de terris de Kynnellor cum pertinentiis necnon alium annum redditum viginti solidorum predictæ monete . . . de terris de Diss cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Item unum alium annum redditum quadraginta solidorum prelibate monete . . . de toto et integro tenemento Roberti Johnesone . jacente in burgo de Abirdene in Vico Castri ex parte australi eiusdem inter terram siue tenementum Magistri Thome Vaus que quondam fuit Themani Goldsmytht ex parte occidentali ex parte una et terram Gilberti Chalmer ex parte orientali ex parte altera a vico regio in longitudine usque ad ripariam Sancte Trinitatis vulgariter nominate le Trinite Burne . . . Tenendos . . . in feodo et hereditate . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum est appensum apud Abirdene vicesimo sexto die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octauo coram hiis testibus Waltero Boyde de Petkindy Domino Henrico Knollis vicario de Obyne Domino Willelmo Donaldi et Matheo Pacok notario publico .

Preceptum sub secreto sigillo pro carta sub magno sigillo terrarum thanagii de Kyntor Johanni Leslie de Warderis danda. ¹ —(A.D. 1481.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum reuerendo in Christo patri . . . Willelmo Abirdonensi episcopo nostri secreti sigilli custodi salutem Quia dedimus . . . et ad feodifirmam dimisimus hereditarie dilecto nostro Johanni Leslie de Warderis totas et integras terras thanagii de Kyntor

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.

A charter of the above named lands of the Thanage of Kyntor, etc, in favour of John Leslie of Warderis, passed the Great Seal on the seventeenth day of June, 1508. (Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xv., no. 15. MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.)]

subscriptas videlicet terras de le Ouer Dawate et Nethir Dawate de Kyn-
tor cum molendinis earundem terras de Creichie Tavilty Mekill Kenaldy
cum molendino earundem Litill Kennaldy Petmedden Nethir Dise et an-
nuos redditus earundem cum piscaturis super aqua de Done infra bondas
terrarum predictarum cum lacubus et paludibus earundem et suis perti-
nentis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Aberdene. Quequidem
terre cum molendino et annuis redditibus earundem . . . fuerunt dicti
Johannis tanquam heredis quondam Alexandri Lesly de Warderis patris
sui hereditarie per cartam et assedationem eidem Alexandro et heredibus
suis in feodifirma per quondam nobilissimum patrem nostrum . . . in
minore etate sua factas in augmentationem rentalis sui . . . et quas
terras cum molendino et annuis redditibus earundem idem Johannes in
manibus nostris apud Edinburgh . . . simpliciter resignavit . . . Et pro
bono et gratuito servicio nobis per dictum Johannem impenso et impen-
dendo ac in recompensationem nonnullarum ampliarum summarum pe-
cuniarum per prefatum quondam carissimum patrem . . . dicto quondam
Alexandro compotorum suorum rotulatori pro tempore debitarum . . .
ad feodifirmam dimisimus . . . dicto Johanni . . . predictas terras cum
molendino et annuis redditibus earundem . . . Tenendas . . . predictas
terras . . . de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodifirma et hereditate
imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . Willelmo Abirdonensi
episcopo moderno et successoribus suis episcopis Aberdonensibus pro
decimis denariis dictis episcopo et cathedrali ecclesie Aberdonensi de pre-
fato thanagio debitis summam quatuor librarum quatuor solidorum usua-
lis monete regni nostri et Vicecomiti nostro de Forfair et successoribus
suis videlicet heredibus quondam Alexandri Ogiluy de Ouchtirhouss
quibuscunque summam trium librarum monete predictae ac nobis et suc-
cessoribus nostris summam quinquaginta unius librarum duorum solidor-
um et octo denariorum . . . monete regni nostri . . . nomine feodifirme
tantum . . . Vobis precipimus . . . quatinus preceptum nostrum sub
dicto nostro secreto sigillo pro carta nostra sub nostro magno sigillo
dicto Johanni et heredibus suis super premissis conficienda prefati nostri
magni sigilli custodi in forma capelle nostre debita dirigatis Datum sub
signeto nostro apud Edinburgh decimo septimo die mensis Junii anno
regni nostri vicesimo primo .

Sasina Henrici Chalmer.¹ —(A.D. 1498.)

Uniuersis et singulis . . . Johannes Smert unus balliuorum burgi de Kintor . . . salutem Cum pium sit . . . fidele testimonium perhibere veritati . . . hinc est quod die date presentium legitima inquisitione precedente in curia ut moris est burgorum compertum fuit quod quondam Margareta Kintor mater Henrici Chamer obiit ultimo vestita . . . de terra croftis et annuis redditibus subscriptis jacentibus infra dictum burgum de Kintor videlicet de quinque perticatis siue rudis terrarum jacentibus ex boriali parte vici regii dicti burgi inter terram Johannis Ketht ex orientali et terram Stephani Duncansone ex occidentali de duabus perticatis ex australi parte eiusdem burgi inter terram Willelmi Adamsone senioris ex orientali et terram Daud Chamer ex occidentali de duabus perticatis terre ex boriali inter terram templariam domus Sancti Johannis de Torphichine ex orientali et terram Daud Chamer ex occidentali de una perticata terre ex australi parte dicti burgi inter terram quondam Andree Scherar ex orientali et terram meam ex occidentali de una perticata terre le Hede Rude vocata ex australi parte eiusdem burgi inter terram heredum quondam Roberti Clerk ex australi et terram communitatis dicti burgi ex boriali de quatuor perticatis terre ex boriali parte inter terram Daud Chamer ex orientali et terram heredum quondam Johannis Forbes ex occidentali de uno orto et una ruda terre ex australi inter terram Domini de Oudny ex australi et terram Willelmi Kelly ex boriali de uno annuo reddito quinque solidorum de terra Thome Anfrays le Perk vocata jacente ex boriali parte dicti burgi inter terram Johannis Smert ex orientali et lacum ex occidentali de uno annuo reddito quinque solidorum de domo et duabus perticatis terre mee jacentibus ex australi parte eiusdem de uno annuo reddito quatuor solidorum de duabus rudis terre mee jacentibus ex australi inter terram Johannis Denys ex occidentali et communem venellam ex orientali Et de una perticata terre jacente ex boriali parte eiusdem inter terram Henrici Andirsone ex orientali et terram Roberti Cordonere ex occidentali Et quod dictus Henricus est legitimus et propinquior heres quondam dicte Mar-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.]

garete matris sue de dictis terris et annuis redditibus Et consequenter de speciali mandato consilii dicti burgi ad predictas terras annuos redditus accessi et ibidem dicto Henrico sasinam . . . deliberaui . . . In quorum . . . testimonium sigillum meum presentibus caritative concessi appendendum apud burgum de Kintor vicesimo quinto die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octavo coram honestis viris Duncano Mertyne Willelmo Glenney Johanne Denys Thoma Denys Roberto Traile Andrea Kelly et Roberto Morisone sergeandis . . .

*Carta Magistro Duncano Scherar rectori de Clat.*¹ — (A.D. 1498.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Henricus Chamer filius et heres quondam Margarete Kintor . . . salutem Noueritis me . . . dedisse . . . venerabili viro Magistro Duncano Scherar canonico Abirdonensi ac rectori de Clat omnes et singulos annuos redditus meos subscriptos . . . de fundo terrarum subscriptarum videlicet unum annum redditum quinque solidorum michi annuatim debitum de terra Thome Anfrays le Park vocata jacente infra burgum de Kintor ex boriali parte eiusdem burgi inter terram Johannis Smert ex orientali ex una et lacum ex occidentali partibus ab altera unum annum redditum quinque solidorum . . . de domo et duabus perticatis terre dicti Johannis Smert jacentibus ex australi parte eiusdem burgi inter terram heredum quondam Johannis Forbes ex orientali ex una et terram dicti Johannis ex occidentali partibus ab altera et unum annum redditum quatuor solidorum . . . de duabus rodīs siue perticatis terre prefati Johannis jacentibus ex australi parte eiusdem burgi inter terram Johannis Denys ex occidentali ex una et communem venellam ex orientali partibus ab altera . . . Tenendos . . . in libero burgagio . . . Insuper noueritis me . . . dedisse . . . prefato Magistro Duncano unum annum redditum quatuordecim solidorum . . . de totis et integris terris meis subscriptis videlicet de quinque perticatis siue rudis terre mee jacentibus infra dictum burgum ex boriali parte vici regii eiusdem inter terram Johannis Ketht ex orientali ex una et terram Stephani Duncansone ex occidentali partibus ab altera et de duabus

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.]

rudis siue perticatis terre mee jacentibus ex australi parte eiusdem burgi inter terram Willelmi Adamsone senioris ex orientali ex una et terram Daud Chamier ex occidentali partibus ab altera in specialem varantum dictorum annuorum reddituum . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum et sigillum prouidi viri Willelmi Chaumer unius balliuorum dicti burgi . . . sunt appensa apud dictum burgum xxiiii^o die mensis Julii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octauo coram venerabilibus et famosis viris Magistro Ectore Boyss Dominis Andrea Henrici Gilberto Chamier capellanis Henrico Gareauche Duncano Crak et Domino Johanne Stirueling notario publico .

Instrumentum sasine Willelmi Oudny de eodem.¹ —(A.D. 1498.)

Uniuersis et singulis ad quorum noticiam presentes littere peruenerint Willelmus Thomson unus balliuorum burgi de Kintor . . . salutem Cum pium sit . . . fidele testimonium perhibere veritati hinc est quod . . . ad me deueniens prouida mulier Cristina Kintor relictæ quondam Willelmi Oudny de eodem michi . . . supplicabat quatenus cum ipsa accederem ad certas rudas seu perticatas terrarum jacentes infra dictum burgum videlicet ad sex rudas jacentes ex australi parte eiusdem burgi inter terras Johannis Ketht ex orientali et terras Andree Malisone ex occidentali ad unam perticatam jacentem ex boriali parte eiusdem burgi inter terras Henrici Chavmer ex orientali et terras Johannis Ketht ex occidentali . . . unum annum redditum trisdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum usualis monete Scotie . . . et tres perticatas terrarum jacentes ex australi parte eiusdem burgi le Burne Rudis vocatas inter terras Henrici Chamier ex australi et terras Willelmi Kelle ex boriali . . . unum annum redditum sex solidorum et octo denariorum usualis monete Scotie . . . ad dandum sasinam . . . dictorum annuorum reddituum Willelmo Oudny de eodem suo filio et heredi carissimo . . . Et consequenter . . . de speciali mandato ipsius Cristine ego dictus balliuus . . . sasinam . . . dictorum annuorum reddituum cum suis pertinentiis prefato Willelmo Oudny . . . contuli . . . ipsumque ad eosdem cognoui ut decet filium et heredem burgensis . . . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum est appensum apud dictum burgum primo die mensis Octobris anno

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Udny charter chest.]

Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octauo coram fidedignis viris Thoma Bisset maro feodi Georgio Scherar Henrico Chavmer Johanne Gawane Henrico Andersone Roberto Bisset Stephano Duncansoun et Duncano Andersone sergeandis dicti burgi cum diuersis aliis .

Cognitio Willelmi Thomsone ad terras ejus patris.¹ — (A.D. 1499.)

Uniuersis . . . Andreas Keitht unus ballinorum burgi de Kintor . . . salutem Cum pium sit . . . fidele testimonium perhibere veritati . . . hinc est quod die date presentium accessi cum Willelmo Thomsone filio et herede apparente quondam Thome Williamsone patris sui ad quatuor perticatas terrarum . . . jacentium infra dictum burgum ex boriali parte vici eiusdem inter terram Willelmi Myll ex orientali ex una et terram Henrici Forbes ex occidentali partibus ab altera et ibidem prefatum Willelmum Thomsoun ad easdem per le hesp et stapile cognoui . . . et . . . inuestiui . . . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum est appensum apud Kintor decimo die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octauo coram hiis testibus Johanne Smert Johanne Abell Stephano Duncansone et Duncano Andersone sergeandis .

Carta Andree Kelly.¹ — (A.D. 1499.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Alexander Duncansone . . . salutem Noueritis me . . . dedisse . . . honesto viro Andree Kelly totas et

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.

Andrew Kelly, on the ninth day of August 1499, granted an annual feu-duty of two shillings Scots out of these two rigs, to the above-mentioned Master Duncan Scherar, rector of Clatt. — (Original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.)

The above-named William Thomsone, on the ninth day of August 1499, conveyed an annual rent of three shillings Scots, furth of these four roods, to the above mentioned Master Duncan Scherar : "testibus Domino Johanne Sauchoch, vicario de Crechmonde, Willelmo Chamer de Balnacrag, David Chalmers," etc. etc. Afterwards, on the twenty-first day of March, 1502, Master Duncan Scherar assigned, *inter alia*, the feu-duties conveyed to him as above by Chamer, Thomsone, and Kelly, to a student in arts, of his own blood, if such an one could be found competent for study, who should reside personally in the new College of the University of Aberdeen. (*Fasti Aberdonenses*, p. 40.)]

integras illas duas perticatas meas terrarum jacentes infra burgum de Kintor quarum una jacet ex australi parte dicti burgi inter terras Hospitalis Beati Thome Martiris de Abirdene ex orientali ex una et terras heredum quondam Fergusii Philpsone ex occidentali partibus ab altera Et altera jacet ex eadem parte eiusdem burgi inter terras Johannis Kelly ex orientali et terras dicti Hospitalis ex occidentali . . . Tenendas . . . in libero burgagio . . . Faciendo . . . suppremo domino nostro Regi seruitium burgagium . . . Ac soluendo annuatim Abbati et Conuentui de Skuine sex denarios usualis monete Scotie . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum et sigillum Willelmi Thomsone alterius balliuorum dicti burgi . . . sunt appensa apud Kintor octauo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo nono coram hiis testibus Thoma Bisset maro feodi de Abirdene Willelmo Malvyne juniore Henrico Andersone sergeando .

Carta de novo damus Burgo de Kintor.¹ —(A.D. 1506.)

Apud Edinburghe . iii. Februarii . j^m. ccccc. vi. . Rex (quia carte etc. per guerrarum discrimina et ignium incendia etc. distructe et combuste ac adnullate penitus extiterant etc.) cum avisamento consilii sui de novo in-feodavit et concessit burgensibus et communitati Burgi de Kintor infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene dictum burgum in liberum burgum imperpetuum cum omnibus terris etc. eidem pertinentibus et specialiter cum terris de Boghedis Ordeis Keith Burrowlandis de Furetoun cum le Blaklandis quibus ipsi temporibus retroactis gaudebant et que ob alienacionem earundem ut asseritur per ipsos factam in manibus Regis recognite fuerunt et ob occupationem earundem in proprietate absque ejus consensu etc. cum potestate easdem terras in feodifirmam seu in assedacionem assedandi etc. ac eciam ballivos et alios officarios pro gubernacione dicti Burgi necessarios annuatim eligendi necnon ad habendum crucem et forum ebdomadatim quo die eis melius placuerit ac publicas nundinas in die Assumpcionis Beate Marie Virginis et per octavas ejusdem annuatim imperpetuum cum pretorio et omnibus aliis libertatibus etc.

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xv., no. 65, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

THE PARISH OF KINELLAR.¹

*Instrumentum super institutione Magistri Roberti Daudsone in vicariam ecclesie parochialis de Kynnellar.*²—(A.D. 1541.)

Decimo die mensis Octobris anno Domino xv^{to} xlj^o. Quo die personaliter constitutus discretus vir Magister Robertus Daudsone presbiter in ecclesia parochiali de Kynnellar suis in manibus tenens quasdam literas pergamino scriptas continentes formam collacionis totius et integre vicarie de Kennellar a reuerendo in Christo patre Willelmo Abirdonensi episcopo directas sub sigillo rotundo sigillatas et subscriptione manuali discreti viri Magistri Johannis Gibson sui secretarii subscriptas in medium produxit et presentauit discreto viro Domino Valtero Clark capellano eundemque debita cum instantia requisivit quatenus ad executionem earundem procedere dignaretur / Post quarumquidem literarum lecturam per me notarium publicum perlectarum ac publicatarum dictus Dominus Valterus eundemque Magistrum Robertum Daudsone in realem actualement et corporalem possessionem totalis et integre dicte vicarie cum connexis et annexis et pertinentiis in modum pensionis annue summe viginti mercarum monete Scotie per tactum calicis libri Missalis et ornamentorum altaris clauium ostii chori induxit et instituit / Acetiam nonnullis parrochianis ibidem existentibus dictu premonuit ad obediendum dicto Magistro Roberto tanquam suo vero vicario de huiusmodi vicarie fructibus omnibus et singulis sub penis in huiusmodi collacionis literis contentis Super quibus dictus saisitus petiit instrumentum Acta in choro dicte ecclesie hora x^{ta} ante meridiem presentibus dicto Domino Valtero Clark Willelmo Folath Johanne Roust et me notario .

¹ [For documents regarding the lands of Kynnellar and of Kenaldy and Petmedden, in the parish of Kinellar, see Parish of Kintore, pp. 232, 233.]

² [From the General Register House.]

Confirmatio Regia Henrico Forbes.¹—(A.D. 1465.)

Apud Edinburghe . ii. Julii j^m. cccc. lxv. . Rex confirmavit cartam Willelmi Scherare de Kynnellore et Elizabethe sponse sue [in qua venderunt Henrico Forbes heredibus suis et assignatis terras de Kynellore infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . Reservato libero tenemento dictis Willelmo et Elizabethe et eorum diucius viventi . Reddendo annuatim Regi unum denarium argenti nomine albe firme tantum . Testibus Domino Alexandro Yong canonico Aberdonensi Henrico Ruthirfurde Andrea Scherare Magistro Duncano Scherare filiis suis Reginaldo de Dise Dominis Duncano vicario de Kintor Roberto Fergusoune vicario de Logy Waltero Johnnesoune capellanis et Thoma Leis notario publico . una cum sigillo Alexandri de Skene de eodem quia dicta Elizabeth non habuit sigillum proprium . Apud burgum de Aberdene . iv. Maii j^m. cccc. lxiv.] Testibus Thoma episcopo Aberdonensi Andrea domino Avandale cancellario Gilberto domino Kennedy Alexandro Boid de Drumcoll Johanne de Culquhoune de eodem compotorum rotulatore David de Guthre de Kincaldrum thesaurario Archibaldo de Qubitlau archidiacono Moraviensi secretario .

Service on Kinneller and Kinnaldies etc.²—(A.D. 1686.)

December 8, 1686 . Special service of Alexander Patoune as nearest heir of his father Mr. Alexander Patoune of Kinaldy in . . . the town and lands of Kinneller multures and knaveships thereof with the . . . pertinents lying in the parish of Kinneller and shire of Aberdeen and in . . . that part . . . of the moss on the east of Easter Kinmundy . . . lying in the parish of Skene and shire foresaid marked out . . . according to authentic instruments taken . . . on the 22nd day of November 1666 along with the privilege . . . of casting selling and away taking the peats . . . from the moss of that plough of the lands of Tartowie

¹ [From the *Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli*, lib. vi., no. 14. MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

called the Backhill and the ward thereof called the Willings lying in said parish of Kinneller . . . Also in . . . the towns and lands of the Meikle and Litle Kinnaldies the mill of Kinnaldy the mill lands . . . along with the salmon fishings in the water of Don within the bounds and limits of the foresaid lands with . . . the . . . pertinents . . . lying within the thaneship of Kintoir and shire of Aberdeen . . . Which whole towns and lands mill mill lands multures fishings etc. . . . are held in chief of the King . . . Meikle and Litle Kinnaldies . . . in feufarm heritage and free forrestry perpetually and . . . Kinnellar . . . in free blench farm and heritage for a perpetual reddendo thence yearly . . . to the King and his successors . . . for . . . Litle Kinnaldy . . . the sum of three pounds Scots And [for] . . . Meikle Kinnaldy . . . the sum of five pounds Scots . . . as part . . . of the sum of fifty and one pounds two shillings and eightpence Scots payable from . . . the thaneship of Kintoir to the King according to prior infestments of said lands of Kinnaldy only And also by reddendo yearly . . . to the King . . . from said town and lands of Kinnellar . . . of one penny Scots . . .

De non redemptione terrarum de Carnetralzeane Beildestoun Glasgou et Auchinule. ¹—(A.D. 1494.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo quarto mensis vero Augusti die primo . . . In presentia nobilis et potentis domini Jacobi comitis Buchanie et domini de Ouchterhouss meique notarii publici et testium sub-

¹ [Abridged from the Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen, vol. i. MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the first day of October, 1604, Beatrix Hay, widow of Alexander Gordone of Mydmar, was found entitled to her terce of the above mentioned lands, as well as of the lands of the dawanche of Abirfeldy, the dawanche of Elstone, and of the lands of the barony of Mydmar. *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, vol. i. MS. in archivis ejusdem. These lands of Carnetradin, with the mill etc. were, on the twentieth day of January, 1628, sold by William Forbes of Cragevar to the Bishop and the Moderators of the Presbyteries of the Synod of Aberdeen, for behoof of the Professor of Divinity in King's College. *Fasti Aberdonenses*, p. 148.

scriptorum personaliter constitutus nobilis vir Alexander Gordone de Mydmar miles qui [tradidit] michi notario publico subscripto quandam indenturam sigillo dicti Comitis sigillatam de et super quodam contractu alias inter dictum dominum Comitem et ipsum inito penes solutionem et satisfactionem sibi Militi de summa octo centum marcarum usualis monete Scotie pro redemptione terrarum de Carnetralzeane molendini earundem Beildestoun Glasgou et Auchinule prout in eadem plenius continetur qua per me notarium publicum publice perlecta predictus Miles vicibus repetitis a dicto domino Comite solutionem et pacationem summe octo centum marcarum reuerenter petiit tanquam die principali sibi assignato pro satisfactione eiusdem sed idem Miles nullam pecuniam nec huiusmodi summe contentationem acquisierat Insuper dictus dominus Miles . . . ordinauit venerabiles et famosos viros Magistrum Adam Gordoun precentorem Morauiensem Alexandrum Rede prepositum de Abirdene Thomam Prat et Robertum Crag . . . suos procuratores ad . . . recipiendum summam prenominatam . . . interualloque mediante prefatus dominus Miles vicibus iteratis eundem dominum Comitem reuerenter requisiiuit quatinus sibi contentationem . . . summe prelibate refunderet secundum suum promissum et contractum sed idem Miles nullam pecuniam nec satisfactionem eiusdem summe quesierat Igitur dictus Miles solempniter protestabatur pro solutione dicte summe ac ducentis marcis sibi in dicta indentura promissis si idem Comes defecerit in solutione prelibate summe una cum dampnis et expensis inde factis et sustentis in uberiore forma protestationis Super quibus omnibus . . . dictus dominus Miles a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum . . . Acta erant hec infra ecclesiam parochialem Beati Nicholai de Abirden . hora quasi secunda prius meridiem sub anno die mense . . . quibus supra presentibus ibidem honorabilibus et famosis viris Daud Ogiluy de Tolmade Alexandro Red preposito de Abirdene Roberto Mersar burgensi de Perth Thoma Prat Roberto Crage Willelmo Blinsel burgensibus de Abirdene Patricio Steuarte de Latheris Roberto Steuarte Domino Willelmo Donaldsoun vicario de Dalmayok et Willelmo Maluyn testibus . . .

(*Concessio Regis Johanni comiti Buchanie.*¹ — (A.D. 1524.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus suis . . . salutem . Sciatis quod quamuis dilectus noster consanguineus Johannes comes Buchanie vendidit . . . Jacobo Gordoun de Colquhildstane et Margarete Stewart eius sponse in coniuncta infeodatione terras de Carnetralzane cum molendino earundem terras de Beldestoun Mekle Glasco Auchmull Crabstoun Persle et le Aillhouse de Carnetralzane cum suis pertinentiis et quamuis eciam dictus Johannes infeodavit dictum Jacobum et Margaretam suam sponsam in terris de Glenhous Beth et Balmakelle cum suis pertinentiis in speciale warantum dictarum terrarum de Persle Crabstoun et le Aillhouse de Carnetralzane . . . sub quibusdam reuersionibus pro redemptione . . . terrarum predictarum per predictos Jacobum et Margaretam dicto Johanni comiti Buchanie desuper confectis . . . Nos nichilominus pro bono et gratuito seruicio nobis per dictum Johannem comitem Buchanie impenso cum . . . consensu carissime genetricis nostre Regine concedimus . . . eidem Johanni comiti Buchanie heredibus suis et assignatis quod quo tempore . . . ipse Johannes heredes sui aut assignati . . . persoluunt dictis Jacobo et Margarete suisve heredibus aut assignatis pecuniarum summas in dictis reuersionibus contentas . . . et huiusmodi reuersiones in omnibus . . . perimplent . . . tunc dictus Johannes heredes sui aut assignati . . . habebunt . . . regressum . . . in et ad dictas terras de Carnetralzane cum molendino earundem . . . Beldestoun Mekle Glasgo Auchmull Crabstoun Persle et le Ailhouse de Carnetralzane cum suis pertinentiis necnon in et ad dictas terras de Glenhous Beth et Balmakelly cum suis pertinentiis in speciale warantum . . . ut premittitur concessas . . . Datum sub nostro secreto sigillo apud Edinburgh duodecimo die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo quarto et Regni nostri duodecimo .

Per signaturam manibus S. D. N. Regis et Regine subscriptam .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Abergeldie.]

THE PARISH OF NIGG.¹*In festo Sancti Fiacrii Abbatis.*²*Oracio.*

Misericordiam tuam Domine nobis quesumus interueniente Beato Fiacrio confessore tuo clementer impende et nobis peccatoribus ipsius propiciare suffragiis . Per Dominum .

Lectio prima.

Beatus Fiacrius heremita magnificus in Meldenensi territorio sub sanctissimi Faronis episcopi protectione insistens innumeris apud Deum vigeat virtutibus . Eo igitur tempore Beatus Fiacrius Sanctum Faronem vt eum in consociis gratia hospitalitatis reciperet expetiit .

Lectio secunda.

Cuius petitioni piissimus pater libentissime annuens quamdiu vellet secum manere concessit : quem intuens episcopus primo inquit Carissime originis patriam et tue etiam mentis effectum ac causam que tue patrie recessionis causa fuerit innotescere cupio . Et si consilium locutione vel actu prebere queo toto nisu libere tibi donabo .

Lectio tertia.

Ad hec Beatus Fiacrius flexis genibus gratias agens respondit : Scotia mi pater michi meisque progenitoribus originem dedit : sed solitarie viuere cupiens patriam parentesque fugiens dereliqui : et locum heremi habitare postulo et nomine Fiacrius vocor .

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 252-263.]

² [From the Breularium Aberdonense, Prop. Sanct. pro temp. estiv., fol. xciii.]

Lectio iiii.

Qua ex re tuam almificam paternitatem efflagito vt si in huius episcopatus partibus locellum quempiam nemorosum adesse consideras : quo sacris oracionibus insistere queam michi indulgere non deferas .

Lectio v.

Hiis auditis Beatus Faro gaudens effectus ait ad eum / habeo utique non longe hinc nemus quoddam in rure proprio et hereditario quod incole Brodilum vocant ad exercendam vitam solitariam vt credo satis ydoneum . Vade ergo et illic morare .

Lectio vi.

Cui gratias agens cum illic aliquamdiu moram fecisset videns quod amplior ei locus congrueret vt pauperes reciperet et olera herbas et cetera necessaria haberet ampliorem locum postulauit : quo sibi concesso et quantum in vno die fossato propria manu circumdare posset collato ab epyscopo gratias agens letus recessit .

*Lectio vii de expositione Euangelij de quocunque confessore.**Lectio octaua.*

Et facta oracione baculo cepit terram terere que ad tactum baculi obediens quantum tangebatur arboribus cadentibus fossato circumdabat quod videns mulier epyscopo nunciauit et ipsum incantatorem dixit : et ne amplius de ligno distrueret ex parte epyscopi prohibuit et epyscopum illuc aduenire predixit . Vir autem Dei audiens mulierem tristis cessauit qui super petram quiescens quasi mollis terra locum dedit que petra in monasterio reseruata eius contactu debiles et infirmi plures sunt sanitati restituti .

Lectio nona.

Impetrauit autem Sanctus a Domino ut si que mulier monasterij sui chorum intraret sui corporis infirmitatem incurreret quod probatum pluries extitit . Nam mulier quedam hoc probare volens ancillam suam in monasterium impulit que statim videntibus omnibus vnum oculum amisit . Ancilla vero illesa permansit . Videns autem epyscopus petram

concauatam et nemus funditus subito euulsum intellexit sanctum esse virum et eum feruencius dilexit et familiarius ei adhesit . Deinde plenus Spiritu Sancto atque operibus bonis migravit ad Dominum tertio kalendis Septembris .

Ecclesie de Nyg presentatur Dominus Andreas Scherar.¹—(A.D. 1502.)

Reverendissimo in Christo patri . . . Jacobo . . . Sancti Andree archiepiscopo totius regni Scocie primati et Apostolice sedis legato duci Rossie commendatario perpetuo monasterij de Dunfermlyng etc. . . . David . . . abbas monasterij Sancti Thome Martiris de Abbribroth et conventus ejusdem . . . ad vicariam ecclesie parochialis de Nyg cum ipsam vacare contigerit per . . . resignacionem seu dimissionem venerabilis viri Magistri Duncani Scherar . . . ad nostram presentacionem vestramque collationem de jure spectantem . . . discretum virum Dominum Andream Scherar subdiaconum eidem vestre reverendissime paternitati . . . presentamus . . . Datum sub sigillo nostro communi apud dictum nostrum monasterium de Abbribroth ultimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo secundo .

Molendinum de Kynchort cum dimidia cymbe cum aliis piscariis assedatur Waltero Sinclar et Roberto filio eius.²—(A.D. 1511.)

Uniuersis . . . pateat . . . nos Georgium . . . abbatem . . . de Arbroth . . . assedasse . . . Valtero Sinclar et Roberto Singlar filio eius . . . pro toto tempore vite . . . molendinum nostrum de Kyncortht iacens infra baroniam nostram de Torre unacum dimidio cymbe le Wuyr Ferry Bayt vocate super aquam de Dee . . . ac eciam . . . de Lagart nostras piscarias iacentes super dictam aquam cum duobus rethibus in eisdem . . . piscarias de Powdown similiter cum duobus rethibus ac . . . piscarias aque de Furdis cum dimidio rethi in eadem . termino vero

¹ [From the Registrum Recentius Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 367.]

² [Ibid., p. 404.]

introitus . . . ad . . . molendinum et cymbam incipiente die date presencium . et ad . . . piscarias in festo Sancti Andree Apostoli post datam presencium immediate sequente . . . Soluendo . . . pro firma dicti molendini et cymbe xxxv s. viii d. . . monete . . . Scocie ad . . . festa . . . Penthecostes et Sancti Martini . . . cum omnibus . . . husbandorum oneribus . . . et pro piscariis . . . xvi. barrellas salmonum dulcium rubrorum sufficientis mercimonii de communi mensura burgi de Abbyrdene ad duos anni terminos salmones soluendi consuetos videlicet festa Natiuitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste et ad vincula Sancti Petri . . . Apud . . . capitulum vltimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo .

Letter of Bailliary.¹ —(A.D. 1527.)

Be it kend till all men be thir present lettres ws Daurid . . . abbot of Abirbrothok and conuent of the samyn to haue constitut and ordinat . . . our lovittis Gilbert Menzeis prouest of Abirdene and Williame Rolland ane of the bailyeis of the same thair ayres and assignais our . . . bailyeis of . . . our barony of Torre with the pertinence lyand within the shiref-dome of Kyncardin for all the termis of nynteyne yeris witht power to input . . . substitutis and deputis . . . Gewand . . . to our saidis bailyeis equalie and to thair substitutis . . . our full . . . power . . . for ws and in our name all and syndrie courtis of the said barony to sett af-firme hald fence and continew officiaris clarkis dempstaris and all men-beris of court to creat . . . and tham to alter and discharge alshoft as neid beis grissumys maillis custummis dwiteiss and dew seruice of the said barony to . . . oup tak and inbryng to thar awin proffetis and utilite witht all . . . annuellis and fewiss pertenyng to the same takis steddeiniss bottis quhit fischyngis of the said barony to sett tenendis sub-tenendis cottaris fischaris and ferrearis to inbryng and out put quhow oft it salbe thocht be tham expedient . . . all maner of actioniss criminell and ciuill pertenyng to ws and our regalite lauchfullie to . . . discuss and decerne be the forsaid Gilbert and William equalie . . . and thair in

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the city of Aberdeen.]

till dew executioun and justice to mak alsweill executife as judicatif all maner of inhabitaris or trespassouris within the said barony to summont . . . to thar courtis absentis to wnlow trespassouris . . . wnlawis . . . and amerciamentis of courtis to . . . modifie and the tane half tharof to applie to thar utilite . . . and the tother half till inbryng till . . . our wss and to pind . . . for the samen gif neid beis all complaintis . . . or arrestis to accept . . . and discuss . . . sentensis . . . and . . . decretis . . . to . . . pronounce and thairone executoriellis to direct as justice requiris our tenentis and seruandis of the said barony quhar euer thai be attechit to replege . . . to the liberalite of our awin court all . . . gudis . . . within the said barony . . . to . . . arrest for just caussis . . . and generall all and syndrie wther thyngis to do . . . that to the office of bailyerie of law and consuetud pertenis . . . In witnes heiroyf to thir our present lettres of bailyery subscrivit witht our subscription manuell our commone seill is affixit at the Abbay of Aberbrothok the thrid day of Julij in the yeir of God ane thousand fif hundreth tuentie and sevyne yeris.

Carta feudifirme dimedie partis baronie de Torry. ¹ —(A.D. 1544.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Daud . . . tituli Sancti Stephani in Celio monte Sancte Romane ecclesie presbiter cardinalis Sancti Andree archiepiscopus totius regni Scotie primas et Apostolice Sedis legatus natus necnon Murapicensis ecclesie in Galliis administrator ac commendatarius perpetuus monasterii Sancti Thome Marthiris de Abirbrothok salutem . . . Noueritis nos . . . cum . . . consensu . . . religiosorum virorum conuentus dicti nostri monasterii de Abirbrothok ordinis Sancti Benedicti . . . ac pro magnis . . . benemeritis per nobilem virum Alexandrum Grahame filium legitimum . . . Willelmi comitis de Montroiss . . . nobis et dicto nostro monasterio ac pro ecclesiastice

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

On the fourth day of September, 1551, the above-named Alexander Grahame conveyed his half of the barony of Torry to Duncan Forbes, burgess of Aberdeen, and his wife. The lands remained in the possession of his family (that of Forbes of Monymusk), till the year 1704, when Sir William Forbes of Monymusk sold them to the Master of Mortifications of Aberdeen. (Originals in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.)]

libertatis . . . defensione hoc instanti tempore periculoso Lutheranis et aliis nephandis heresibus undique pullulantibus . . . multipliciter prestitis . . . dedisse . . . et ad feudifirmam . . . dimisisse . . . prefato Alexandro Grahame heredibus suis et assignatis quibuscunque totam et integram dimediam partem . . . nostre baronie de Torry cum suis pendiculis toftis croftis molendinis brasinis cimbis et alborum piscium duntaxat piscationibus annuis redditibus et pertinentiis infrascriptis videlicet . . . dimediam partem burgi nostri de Torry . . . necnon . . . dimediam partem . . . ville nostre de Torry ac de le Coif Halymannis Coif wlgariter nuncupate ac terrarum etiam de Bahagask Loirston Kyncorth le Nethir Fery Boitt brasine de Torry ac molendini eiusdem et crofte eidem molendino spectantis cum dimedia dimedie partis de le Vuer Fery Boit necnon et superioris brasine le Vuerailhouse wlgariter nuncupate unacum dimedia parte annuorum reddituum terrarum de Kyrkhill et Ardoch cum . . . earum pendiculis alborum piscium prensionibus et piscationibus duntaxat . . . exceptis et reseruatis duntaxat nobis et successoribus nostris . . . piscariis nostris salmonum infra dictam nostram baroniam . . . solitis et consuetis Et quam dimediam partem . . . dicte nostre baronie . . . prouidus vir Willelmus Rolland burgensis de Abirdene in assedatione de nobis . . . habet Tenendam . . . in feudifirma . . . et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo . . . inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris . . . summam octodecim librarum quindecim solidorum et octo denariorum dicte monete Scotie necnon etiam [summam] sex librarum trium solidorum et septem denariorum . . . in solutionem . . . grassume . . . prenominata dimedie partis . . . acetiam [summam] quadraginta duorum solidorum . . . pro sua dimedietate unius lie ryn mart et dimedie le ryn mart ac sex bidentium et sex duodenarum pultriarum de dicta integra baronia annuatim debitarum . . . marta . . . stante ad viginti quatuor solidos quolibet vero bidente stante ad quatuor solidos et qualibet pultria ad quatuor denarios necnon etiam reddendo . . . annuatim summam triginta octo solidorum et nouem denariorum . . . pro annua augmentatione rentalis nostri . . . extendentibus in integro omnibus firmis . . . predictis . . . cum annua augmentatione predicta ad summam viginti nouem librarum dicte . . . monete . . . ad duos anni terminos consuetos . . . ac faciendo tres sectas annuatim ad tria . . . placita capitalia apud

Abirbrothok Necnon et heredes dicti Alexandri et sui assignati prefati duplicando dictam feudifirmam . . . in quolibet eorum nouo introitu . . . Insuper memoratus Alexander Grahame sui heredes et assignati . . . iuramentum fidelitatis successiue . . . prestabunt nobis et successoribus nostris . . . ac ad . . . prebendum . . . auxilium . . . nostri et eorundem ac dicti nostri monasterii et libertatis ecclesiastice . . . et . . . defensionem contra quoscunque eiusdem libertatis ecclesiastice inuasores . . . Salua . . . nobis et successoribus nostris . . . omnimoda regalitate . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre manu nostra ac manibus religiosorum virorum conuentus dicti nostri monasterii . . . subscripte sigillum nostrum rotundum necnon et sigillum commune dicti nostri monasterii in signum . . . eorundem consensus . . . sunt appensa apud dictum nostrum monasterium die duodecimo mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo quarto et nostre consecrationis anno septimo coram hiis testibus honorabilibus . . . et venerabilibus viris Roberto Douglas de Lochlevyne Archibaldo Betoun de Capildray ac Arthuro Forbes de Rerass necnon Magistris Bernardo Bailye rectore de Lammyntoun camerario nostro . . . Johanne Lauder archidiacono Teuidalie secretario nostro Roberto Ker et Andrea Oliphant de Lyndene et Foulis ecclesiarum vicariis cum diuersis aliis .

Dauid Cardinalis Sancti	Robertus Steward	Thomas Melwyn
Andree Commendatarius de Abirbrothok	Dauid Kay	Willelmus Weddirburn
Thomas Ruitherfuayrd	Ricardus Craik	Patricius Murray
Valterus Baldowy	Allex ^r . Gyb	Dauid Crayle ad idem
Dauid Teynd	Alanus Martyn	Thomas Scot
Nycholaus Purwess	Allex ^r . Cwbe	Johannes Anderson
Cristophorus Mantair	George Monchreyf	Joannes Peirsone
Johannes Rune	Johannes Logy	Villelmus Borthwyk

*Carta terrarum de Kyrkhill Thome Menzeis de Drone ejusque sponse.*¹

—(A.D. 1563.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . Johannes . . . Sanctiandree archiepiscopus totius regni Scotie primas legatus natus monasteriique de Pasleto abbas ac cum potestate legati a latere Sancte Sedis Apostolice legatus seu nuncius salutem . . . Noueritis nos dedisse . . . et . . . imperpetuum confirmasse . . . dilecto nostro Magistro Thome Menzeis de Drone et Margarete Ogilvy eius sponse et eorum alteri diutius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione et heredibus masculis inter ipsos . . . legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus Mariote Menzeis filie legitime secundo genite eorundem coniugum . . . et heredibus suis legitimis . . . quibus forsan deficientibus propinquioribus legitimis heredibus dicti Magistri Thome et suis assignatis quibuscunque omnes et singulas terras nostras de Kyrkhill cum lie outsete earundem nuncupato vulgariter The Talloch cum . . . pertinentiis suis jacentes in parochia de Nig infra baroniam nostram de Rescoby regalitatemque nostram Sanctiandree ac intra vicecomitatum de Kyncardin cum vno annuo reddito viginti solidorum legitime spectante ad easdem terras . . . annuatim leuando . . . de burgo seu villa Aberdonie . . . Quasquidem terras . . . prouidus vir pater dicti Magistri Thome et consimiliter ipsemet Magister Thomas Menzeis . . . de nobis et sede nostra archiepiscopali . . . perprius in feodifirma . . . et hereditarie a multis jam elapsis annis continue habuerunt . . . unacum pastura in communia baronie de Torry . . . necnon cum piscationibus salmonum et aliorum piscium quorumcunque aquarum intra limites predictarum terrarum presertim intra limites vulgariter vocatos Sanct Moffettes Bey prope dictas terras de Nig . . . Tenendas . . . in feodifirma . . . et hereditarie imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris . . . summam quinquaginta solidorum et quatuor denariorum monete regni Scotie tanquam veterem firmam . . . solui solitam . . . necnon summam decem solidorum et quatuor denariorum tanquam pro gressuma earundem terrarum . . . secundum ratam firmarum pecunialium pro quinquennali locatione unacum

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

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summa trium solidorum ac quatuor denariorum tanquam pro augmentatione annui census . . . extendentes in totum ad summam trium librarum septem solidorum et quatuor denariorum monete predicti regni ad duos anni terminos consuetos . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum quo in similibus utimur huic presenti carte nostre manuali nostra subscriptione roborate est appensum apud oppidum Edinburgi die xxv. mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo tercio coram hiis testibus prouidis et discretis viris videlicet Magistris Alexandro Forest rectore de Logymonteross secretario nostro Andrea Dauidsoun vicario de Dalketh Johanne Kessane notariis publicis Johanne Johnstoun Johanne Diksoun cubiculariis nostris cum diuersis aliis .

Joannes archiepiscopus Sanctiandree .

THE PARISH OF BANCHORY DEVENICK.¹

Carta feodifirme Willelmo Blinschell.² —(A.D. 1571.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Villelmus . . . Aberdonensis episcopus . . . salutem Noueritis nos . . . cum . . . consensu . . . decani et canonicorum capituli ecclesie nostre cathedralis . . . ac etiam pro summa

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 264-274.

The church of Banchory Devenick, with its land and pertinents, is said to have been granted to Mathew, bishop of Aberdeen, by King Malcolm the Maiden.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 7.)]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Banchory.

In the year 1381, the above-named lands were held of the Bishop by William de Camera.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 185.)]

ducentarum mercarum . . . monete . . . Scotie nobis per honestum virum Willelmaum Blinschell in Kirkton Devynnik . . . persoluta . . . ad feudifirmam . . . hereditarie dimisisse . . . prefato Willelmo Blinschell suis heredibus et assignatis . . . terras nostras ville ecclesiastice de Banquhory Dewynnik cum suis . . . pertinentiis jacentes infra schiram episcopatus nostri Abirdonensis Quequidem terre cum pertinentiis fuerunt probi adolescentis Georgii Gordoun burgensis de Abirdeine perprios in feudifirma . . . et quas idem Georgius . . . cum . . . consensu . . . venerabilium virorum Magistri Alexandri Seyttoun cancellarii Abirdonensis et Domini Joannis Collisoun succentoris Abirdonensis curatorum dicti Georgii . . . in manibus nostris . . . ad perpetuam remanentiam . . . apud palatium nostrum Abirdonense personaliter . . . et simpliciter resignavit Quas etiam terras prefatus Vilhelmus Blinschell Thomas Blinschel eius pater et Alexander Blinschell eius auus aliique sui predecessores . . . de nobis et predecessoribus nostris . . . prius in assedatione habuerunt . . . Tenendas . . . de nobis et successoribus nostris . . . in feudifirma hereditaria imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim nobis et successoribus nostris . . . summam quatuor librarum . . . monete . . . Scotie tres solidos et quatuor denarios pro bondagio sedecim solidos et octo denarios pro quinquennali gressuma duos mutones vel sex solidos octo denarios pro quolibet mutone in optione persoluentis . . . ad duos anni terminos usuales . . . necnon duplicando predictam feudifirmam in introitu cuiuslibet heredis aut assignati . . . et faciendo tres sectas annuatim ad tria placita capitalia . . . in palacio nostro Abirdonensi Et tenentes terrarum suprascriptarum in exercitiis . . . regni balliuo nostro hereditario sufficienter armati iuxta morem patrie servire tenebuntur Necnon quilibet heres et assignatus . . . in suo primo introitu . . . nobis et successoribus nostris . . . fidelitatis iuramentum prestabit quod nos successores nostros sedem nostram Abirdonensem decanum et canonicos eiusdem nostras personas res et terras necnon orthodoxam fidem fideliter defendet . . . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus subscriptione nostra manuali subscriptis unacum subscriptionibus canonicorum ecclesie nostre cathedralis . . . sigillum nostrum rotundum unacum sigillo communi dicti nostri capituli est appensum apud Abirdene decimo octauo die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo septuagesimo primo coram testibus Martino Howesoun

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Alexandro Howesoun Jacobo Kyntor burgensibus de Abirdene Thoma
Maneris Domino Andrea Hay Andrea King et Magistro Joanne Kennedy.

Vs. Episcopus Abirdonensis	Johannes Chalmer prebendarius de
M. Allexander Setone cancellarius	Ellone
Abirdonensis	Magr. Joannes Kennedy rector de
Patricius Myrton thesaurarius Abir-	Tullynessill
donensis	Mr. Thomas Burnett de Methlik
M. Robertus Merser de Banquhory	Mr. Thomas Lumisden de Kynkell
Deuinik	Mr. Alex ^r . Andersone rector de
Joannes Collison succentor Aber-	Morthlik
donensis	

Apud Edinburghe vicesimo Maii anno Domini m. v^o octuagesimo primo .

Producta coram Dominis Commissionis

J. Hewatt .

Carta Georgii Meldrum terrarum de Banquhory Dewny.¹ —(A.D. 1511.)

Omnibus . . . Georgius . . . episcopus Sodorensis et commendatarius
perpetuus de Arbroth et Comkill . . . salutem . Noueritis nos . . .
concessisse . . . Georgio Meldrum de Fyue et Elisabeth Innes sponse
sue . . . terras de Banchory Dwny . . . iacentes in regalitate nostra de
Arbroth infra vicecomitatum de Abbyrdene . quequidem . . . fuerunt . . .
dicti Georgii hereditarie et quas idem . . . resignauit . Tenendas . . .
prefatis . . . et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis . . . quibus
forte deficientibus heredibus propinquioribus . . . Georgii . . . secundum
tenorem sue antique carte . . . Faciendo . . . seruicium de dictis terris
debitum et consuetum ac soluendo . . . Regi . . . annum redditum
quinque librarum et nobis . . . quadraginta solidorum . . . ad . . .
terminos . . . Pentecostes et Sancti Martini . . . nomine feodifirme tan-
tum . . . Apud . . . monasterium de Arbroth quarto die Julii anno
Domini millesimo quingentesimo vndecimo et consecrationis nostre anno
primo .

¹ [From the Registrum Recentius Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 407.]

Tack of the fishings of Banquhory Devyunik to Sir George Meldrum of Fyvie.¹—(A.D. 1554.)

Be it kend till all men be thir present lettres me Maister Robert Riche-soun vicair of Eckfurd to haif sett . . . to ane honorable man George Meldrum of Fyvie knycht his airis assignais and subtennentis . . . all and sindrie thai fischingis of the foure cobillis of Banquhory Devynn timer upon the watter of Die witht thair pertinentis liand within the shiref-dome of Abirdene (quhilkis the said Sir George hes annaliit to me here-table under reuersioun contenand the soume of aucht hundreth merkis . . .) for all the space . . . that the samyn sall happin to be in my handis . . . unredemit . . . Payand thairfoir yeirlie . . . fivetene bar-rellis salmond gude and sufficient merchand gude of the bynd of Abir-dene upoun the Peir and Keyheid thairof at the feist of the Natiuite of Our Lady . . . In witness of the quhilk thing to thir lettres of assedatioun subscriuit witht my hand my seill is affixit at Edinburgh the day of the yeir of God M. v^{co} liiij. yeris befor thir witnessis Thomas Menzes of Pitfoddellis James Spenss his seruand James Nicol-soun William Patersoun notaris Henry Gardinair Michaell Menzes .

R. Richartstone .

Inquisitio David Murray.²—(A.D. 1509.)

Inquisitio facta apud burgum de Aberdene secundo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo nono coram honorabili viro Alex-andro Bannerman de Watertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente per sub-scriptos videlicet Georgium Meldrum de Fivv Johannem Forbes de

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

² [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the second day of May, 1511, William Murray was served heir to the above-named David Murray his father in the same lands, fishings, and feu-duty; and the jury, at the same time, adjudged a reasonable terce from them to Agnes Strathachin, the widow of David Murray. (Ibid.)]

Petslego Willelmum Hay de Ury Walterum Berclay de Towy Johannem Movat de Loscragy Willelmum Turing de Foverne Thomam Fraser de Stanywod Johannem Skene de Ouchtirarne Willelmum Johnneston de eodem Johannem Pantone de Petmethane Alexandrum Caldoure de Sonnaherd Robertum Gordone de Wthaw Johannem Forbes de Eicht Johannem Troup de Comolegy Patricium Steuart de Latheris Andream Tulidef de eodem Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyuer et Johannem Dunbrek de eodem Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Andreas Murray pater David Murray latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de . . . terris de Ardoche et piscariis earundem jacentibus in parrochia de Banchory Devny Et de . . . piscariis vnus rethis de le Furdis super aquam de Dee Et de vno annuo redditu quadraginta quatuor solidorum vsualis monete Scocie de . . . terris de Cortycrome cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in baronia de Stanis infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus David est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Andree patris sui de dictis terris piscariis et annuo redditu cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre de Ardoche cum piscariis earundem cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum decem marcas et valuerunt sex marcas tempore pacis Et quod dicte piscarie vnus rethis de Furdis cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum et valuerunt tempore pacis Et valor dicti annui redditus patet in se Et quod dicte terre de Ardoche cum piscariis earundem ac dicte piscarie vnus rethis de Furdis tenentur in capite de Domino de Fyvie in alba firma Reddendo annuatim vnum denarium vsualis monete Scocie . . . et vnum denarium vsualis monete Scocie de dictis piscariis vnus rethis de Furdis nomine albe firme Et quod dictus annuus redditus tenetur in capite de domino Comite de Erroll in alba firma Reddendo inde annuatim vnum denarium vsualis monete Scocie nomine albe firme Et quod dicte terre de Ardoche cum piscariis earundem ac piscarie vnus rethis de Furdis nunc existunt in manibus dicti Domini de Fyvie legitime per seipsum per decessum dicti quondam Andree patris sui per spacium quatuor mensium aut eocirca Et quod dictus annuus redditus nunc existit in manibus dicti domini Comitis in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis Datum et clausum sub sigillo officii dicti vicecomitis deputati et sigillis quorundam eorum qui huic inquisitioni interessant faciende anno die mense et loco prenotatis .

Instrumentum sasine in favorem Magistri Andree Liel thesaurarii Aberdonensis. ¹—(A D. 1491.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo primo mensis vero Augusti die decima sexta . . . in mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus venerabilis vir Magister Andreas Liel thesaurarius Aberdonensis accessit ad terras de Auchqwyok et Ardnabo jacentes in baronia de Findown infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardin et ibidem venerabilis et egregius vir Magister Jacobus Broun decanus Aberdonensis in presentia Magistri Andree predicti et ipsius nomine quandam litteram balliuatus . . . mihi notario publico subscripto tradidit perlegendam cuius . . . tenor sequitur . . . WILLELMUS Kyntor burgensis burgi de Aberdene ac dominus terrarum de Auchqwyok et Ardnabo dilecto meo Johanni Vaus balliuo meo in hac parte . . . Salutem Quia dedi . . . venerabili viro Magistro Andree Liel thesaurario Aberdonensi unum annuum redditum quadraginta solidorum usualis monete Scotie annuatim exeuntem de . . . terris meis de Auchqwyok et Ardnabo cum suis pertinentiis jacentibus in baronia de Fyndone infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardin . . . Vobis igitur precipio . . . quatinus dicto Magistro Andree aut suo certo actornato latori presentium sasinam hereditariam . . . annui redditus prenotati . . . tradatis . . . Datum sub sigillo meo apud Aberdene secundo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo primo . QUA littera . . . perlecta . . . dictus balliuus . . . sasinam . . . annui redditus quadraginta solidorum predictarum terrarum . . . dicto Magistro Andree tunc presenti . . . tradidit . . . ac ipsum Magistrum

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.

In the year 1448, John of Fyf, burgess of Aberdeen, conveyed an annual rent of forty shillings, from the lands of Auchquhorty in the barony of Fyndone, to John Clat, canon of Aberdeen, who next year exchanged it with Duncan Kynidy, constable of Aberdeen, and superior of the lands, for an annual rent of forty-four shillings from tenements in the burgh of Aberdeen. (*Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. I., pp. 252, 253.)

In the year 1459, Mr. Lawrence Pyot, archdeacon of Aberdeen, was seised in an annual rent of forty shillings from the lands of Balquhorn, in the barony of Fyndon, granted to him by Richard Vaus of Fyndon, and in an annual rent of four pounds, given to him by David Mensels burgess of Aberdeen, from the lands of Portlethen in the same barony. (*Id.*, vol. I., p. 288.)]

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Andream in principaliori manso ville in huiusmodi possessionis signum inuestiuit . . . Acta erant hec in villa de Auchqwyok hora quarta post meridiem vel eocirca . . . presentibus ibidem venerabili et discretis viris Domino Daud Vaus vicario de Inuerhundy Johanne Bissat . . . et Wilhelmo Brydye sergiando cum diuersis aliis testibus . . .

Et ego Walterus Falconar presbiter Brechinensis dioceseos publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

Confirmatio Regia Georgio Meldrum de Petcarry.¹ —(A.D. 1503.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxvi. Januarii j^m. v^o. ii. . Rex confirmavit cartam Willelmi Meldrum de Fivee [in qua concessit Georgio Meldrum de Petcarry filio suo et heredi apparenti heredibus suis et assignatis terras de Qwiltis cum piscariis earundem infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . Testibus Waltero Berclay de Tolly Roberto Gordoune de Fothirleddir Alexandro Crukschank Alexandro Blindesele et Willelmo Chawmer apud Abirdene xx. Augusti j^m. v^o. ii.]

Confirmatio Regia carte Georgii Meldrum Johanni Knollis de Polmolat.² —(A.D. 1503.)

Apud Edinburghe . xv. Decembris j^m. v^o. iiij. . Rex confirmavit cartam Georgei Meldrum de Petcarry [in qua vendidit et alienavit Johanni Knollis de Polmolat heredibus suis et assignatis terras de Qwiltis infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . Testibus Roberto Blinsele Johanne Colli-soune Domino Willelmo Rolland vicario de Inche Thoma Vaus Johanne Stevinsoune Gilberto Ryburne Johanne Meldrum burgensibus de Abirdene Johanne Thorntoune ac Domino Johanne Strueling notario publico . Apud Abirdene . viii. Augusti j^m. v^o. iiij.]

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiii., no. 566. MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Ibid., lib. xiv., no. 26.]

Inquisitio Thome Chavmer de Quyltis.¹—(A.D. 1505.)

Inquisitio facta apud burgum de Abirdene penultimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia vicecomitis eiusdem pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Iruyn de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillortht Gilbertum Hay de Ardenderaugh milites Willelmum Lesly de Balquhane Georgium Leitht de Barnys Alexandrum Skene de eodem Alexandrum Mortimer de Cragyver Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Alexandrum Caldour de Sonnahard Johannem Gardyne de Latheris Thomam Burnat de Balmad Alexandrum Wyntone de Andait Willelmum Johnston filium et heredem apparentem Alexandri Johnstone de eodem Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour et Johannem Dawgarnow de Garneffintra Qui iurati dicunt quod quondam Alexander Chavmer de Quyltis pater Thome Chavmer latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Quyltis cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in comitatu de Mar Et de terris de Litile Methlik cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in comitatu Buchanie infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Thomas est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Alexandri patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre de Quyltis cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum viginti libras et valuerunt decim libras tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Litile Methlik cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum sexdecim marcas et valuerunt quinque libras tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Quyltis cum suis pertinenciis tenentur in capite de suppremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium warde et releuij Et quod dicte terre de Litile Methlik cum suis pertinenciis tenentur in capite de

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

The same jury found Mariot Mathesone, the widow of Alexander Chavmer, entitled to her terce of two thirds of the lands of Quyltis, excepting the half lands of Meikle Quyltis, belonging to Duncan Forbes, and to her terce also of the lands of Little Methlik, excepting ten pounds formerly granted to Thomas Chamer and Elen Rate his wife. (Ibid.)]

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domino Comite Buchanie in alba firma Soluendo annuatim vnum denarium nomine albe firme Et quod dicte terre de Quyltis cum pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per spacium decem ebdomidarum aut eocirca Et quod dicte terre de Methlik existunt in manibus dicti Comitis Buchanie . . . racione decessus dicti quondam Alexandri patris sui in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis .

Service on Cults.¹—(A.D. 1674.)

October 7, 1674 . Special service of John Thomson now of Cults as nearest heir of his father Alexander Thomson advocate in Aberdeen in . . . the lands of Cults with the mill mill lands multures . . . and pertinents thereof with the salmon fishing on the water of Dee . . . adjoining and belonging thereto within the parish of Banchory Devinick and sherifdom of Aberdeen . . . held in chief of the King and his successors for service of ward and relief . . .

Alexander de Morania de Culbyne impignorat terram de Westyr Badfothells.²—(A.D. 1389.)

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris . . . Alexander de Morauiā dominus de Culbyne Salutem . . . Noueritis me . . . impignorasse et . . . presenti scripto meo confirmasse Willelmo Rede consanguineo meo totam terram meam de Westyr Badfothellis cum piscariis terris suis et omnibus suis diuisis in jure hereditario contingentibus infra baroniam de Badfothell in vicecomitatu de Abbyrdene pro quinquaginta sex libris tresdecim solidis et quatuor denariis sterlingorum monete currentis . . . quam summam fateor me recepisse tempore quondam matris mee per certas evidencias . . . Tenendas . . . dicto Willelmo heredibus suis uel assignatis de domino nostro Rege in capite a me et heredibus meis non obstante aliqua alienatione feodi per me facienda cum omnibus suis . . . perti-

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [Abridged from the original in the Pitfodels charter chest.]

mentis . . . quousque per me uel heredes meos dicto Willelmo Rede heredibus suis uel assignatis in ecclesia parochiali de Abbyrdene . . . fideliter et sine fraude vel potentia cuiuscunque in uno die inter solis ortum et occasum de predictis quinquaginta sex libris tresdecim solidis et quatuor denariis sterlingorum . . . integre fuerit satisfactum . . . Et volo . . . ac concedo pro me et heredibus meis quod omnes fructus et firme dictarum terrarum et piscariarum medio tempore per dictum Willelmum . . . dicta summa non soluta dicto Willelmo Rede heredibus suis et assignatis tanquam bone fidei possessoribus et tanquam bona sua propria semper remaneant . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto meo sigillum meum apposui una cum sigillo Thome de Morauia filii mei et heredis Apud Dunde quarto die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo octogesimo nono .

Sasina traditur Willelmo Rede. ¹ —(A.D. 1390.)

Uniuersis . . . Alexander de Morauia dominus de Culbyn salutem in Domino Quia pium et meritorium est veritati testimonium perhibere uniuersitati vestre notumfacio per presentes quod nuper ego apud occidentalem villam meam de Badfodell personaliter constitutus in presentia nobilis domini Domini Daud Lyndesay domini de Glenesk Walteri de Tulach patroni de Tulach Johannis de Balbryny et Roberti filii Alani ac aliorum militum saisinam dicte ville de Badfodell cum piscaturis et pertinentiis dilecto consanguineo meo Willelmo Rede personaliter tradidi juxta tenorem carte mee super impigneratione dicte ville cum piscaturis et pertinentiis dicto Willelmo . . . per me facte . . . et ibidem perfecta confirmatione domini nostri Regis sub magno sigillo suo super impigneratione predicta Et hoc omnibus quorum interest vel interesse poterit notifico per presentes quibus sigillum meum apponi feci apud villam de Abredene sexto decimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo octogesimo nono .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Pitfodels charter chest.]

Inquisitio Alexandri de Morauia de Colbyn et Willelmi filii Johannis de Badfothal.¹ —(A.D. 1397.)

Uniuersis . . . Murdacus Senescalli dominus de Kynclevyn . . . Salutem . . . Per presentes testificamur quod die Lune die mensis Februarii computati secundum usum regni Scotie in anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo} nonogesimo sexto . In curia itineris nostri justicie per nos tenta apud Abirden comparuerunt coram nobis Alexander [de] Morauia de Colbyn et Willelmus filius Johannis de Badfothal . . . petentes complementum juris secundum tenorem unius breuis de morte antecessorum per ipsos impetrati super tertia parte baronie de Badfothall quam tertiam partem ut dixerunt Michael Mercer filius et heres quondam Domini Andree Mercer militis ab eis detinebat iniuste de qua tertia parte Marioria amita dictorum Alexandri et Willelmi obiit . . . saysita . . . auditis eorum petitionibus petitum fuit a Johanne Wynde maro de feodo vicecomitatus de Abirden si dictum Michaellem . . . summoniuit vel summonire fecit ad locum legitimum dicte tertie partis de Badfothal . . . qui [respondit] quod dictum Michaellem legitime citauit et summoniuit in tertio die legitimo et ad locum legitimum ad comparendum coram nobis dicto die Lune ad [respondendum] dictis Alexandro et Willelmo super dicto breve . . . Incontinente in plena curia . . . sepe sepius et sepissime dicto Michaelle legitime vocato minime comparuit Et sic . . . dicti Alexander et Willelmus petierunt dictum breve perlegi et per assisam declarari . . . nos . . . ex deliberatione quorundam de concilio domini nostri Regis et nostri . . . vocari fecimus ad assisam . . . de melioribus tunc presentibus videlicet Dominum Robertum de Keth Dominum Henricum de Preston Dominum Johannem de Allirdes Dominum Thomam de Meldrum et Dominum Ricardum Comyn milites Andream Malvyll dominum de Camnay Andream Tourryn dominum de Fovern Johannem filium Willelmi de Angus Patricium Cravfurde Malcolmum Marschel Adam Flemyng Thomam Nory Alexandrum de Berclay Oliuerum de Panton David Bannerman Angusium de Tulyberg et Willelmum de Spensa quos juratos . . . ordinauimus . . . ad . . . determinandum super

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dicto breue et contentis in eodem . . . Unanimi consensu . . . per os Patricii de Crawford pronuntiatum fuit quod dicta Marioria amita predictorum Alexandri et Willelmi obiit . . . saysita ut de feodo de dicta tertia parte baronie de Badfothall Et quod dicti Alexander et Willelmus erant legitimi et propinquiore heredes dicte Mariorie ipsorum amite de dicta tertia parte baronie de Badfothall cum pertinentiis Et quod dicti Alexander et Willelmus [haberent] saysinam de eadem tertia parte dicte baronie cum pertinentiis . . . Et hoc per presentes testificamur eisdem Alexandro et Willelmo possessionem hereditariam conferendo . . . in plena curia . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum proprium una cum sigillo nostri officii presentibus fecimus apponi die anno et loco supradictis .

Preceptum sasine Gilberto Meignes.¹ —(A.D. 1430.)

Thomas de Kynnarde de Culbine et Egidea de Morauia sponsa sua dilecto nostro Andree Branche burgensi de Aberden balliuo nostro . . . salutem Quia concessimus hereditarie Gilberto Meignes burgensi de Aberden totas et integras terras nostras medietatis de Medil Badfothel ac terras nostras de Westir Badfothel jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Aberden . . . vobis . . . mandamus quatinus predicto Gilberto vel suo certo auctornato saysinam . . . dictarum terrarum cum pertinentiis secundum formam carte nostre quam inde habet tradatis indilate . . . Datum sub sigillis nostris apud Aberden decimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo trecesimo .

Preceptum sasine Johanni Blak.¹ —(A.D. 1436.)

Willelmus Tempilman commorans apud Bourty honorabili viro Thome de Kynidy constabulario de Aberden balliuo meo . . . Salutem . . . Quia . . . vendidi Johanni Blak . . . burgensi de Aberden totam terram meam templariam cum pertinentiis jacentem in baronia de Badfothall

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infra vicecomitatum de Aberden . . . vobis igitur . . . mando quatinus predicto Johanni Blak saysinam . . . dictarum terrarum cum pertinentiis haberi faciat . . . Datum sub sigillo meo apud Aberden decimo die mensis Martii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo quinto .

The confirmation of Gylis of Murreff lady of Culbyne.¹—(A.D. 1438.)

Tyll all ande sundry that this present wryt sall her or se Gylis of Murreff laydy of Culbyne Greting in Gode ay lestande For quhy that I in my pure wodwit beande has . . . confermyt a charter of pur sellyng of my landys of the halffe of Medyll Badfothell and the landys of Westir Badfothelis wytht thair pertinens lyande in the shirefdome of Abirdene made be Thomas of Kynnard quhilum my husbande and me to Gilbert Meignes burcher of Aberdene . . . wyt yhe me for me and myne ayeris for tyll haffe dischargyt . . . the saide Gilbert and his ayeris and his assignes off all conditionis and of lettres of reuersion made to quhilum my saide husbande or to me of the forsaide landis . . . Ande her atour gyff it sall hap-pine as God forbede that I or my ayeris or assignes or ony othir in our name mak or mowe ony questioun plede or renocatioun in ony degre of this selling of thir forsaide landis of Badfothelis wytht the pertinens to the sayd Gilbert his ayeris or his assignes I oblyse me myne ayeris my landis and my possessionis for to pay assitht and refounde to the sayd Gilbert his ayeris or his assignes a hundreth pundys of usuale mone of Scotlande to gyddir and at anys quhar and quhat tyme thai sall mowe sic question to the sayd Gilbert his ayeris or his assignes for his costis trauelis and gret expensis made apone me appoyntyt taxit and accordyt betuex us or and befor that I or ony of my ayeris or myne assignes be herde or admittyt to stande in jugement to mowe sic plede or questione . . . In witnes of the quhilk thing to this present wrytand I haf pute to my sele ande for the mar evidencis the seile of ane worshipfule man Master Henry Heruy archdene of Murreffe I haff procuryt wytht instance to be topute at the Priory of Fywy the acht day of the moneth of Maii ye yher of our Lorde

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a thousande four hundreth therty and acht yher Wytnes Schir John of Anderstoun prior of Fiwe Sir Duncane Heruy Sir Thomas Boyle chaplanis Wyll of Skene and John Baidman wytht otheris .

Domina Egidia de Morauia reuocat alienationes terrarum suarum.¹ —
(A.D. 1438.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno ab incarnatione eiusdem millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo octauo mensis vero Maii die duodecima . . . in mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constituta nobilis domina Egidia de Morauia domina de Culbin relicta quondam Thome de Kynnard de eodem in pura viduitate sua existens alta et intelligibili voce protestata fuit quod durante matrimonio inter eam et dictum Thomam coacta fuit per vim et metum dicti sui mariti consentire ad quasdam alienationes impignerationes tenentium suorum priuationes terrarum assedationes et potissime ad resignationem seu resignationes factas . . . de terris suis quibuscunque propter matrimonium contrahendum inter Alanum filium suum et heredem apparentem et Margaretam filiam Domini de Grahame Quas quidem alienationes impignerationes tenentium suorum priuationes et assedationes ac terrarum suarum quarumcunque resignationes factas . . . reuocat . . . et annullatas denuntiat tanquam per vim et metum extortas atque iuri contrarias . . . Super quibus omnibus . . . dicta domina Egidia de Morauia a me notario publico infrascripto sibi fieri petiit hoc presens publicum instrumentum et pro maiore euidencia sigilla venerabilium et honorabilium virorum Magistri Henrici Herwy archidiaconi Morauiensis [Domini] Johannis prioris de Fyvy Thome Fraser de Cornetoun Gilberti Meigneis de Laske et Johannis Mowat de Loscragy cum instantia presenti instrumento apponi procuravit Acta erant hec in capella Nostre Domine prioratus de Fyvy hora quasi undecima ante meridiem . . . presentibus ibidem Willelmo Berklay Johanne Crukshank Willelmo Cristini Thoma Precheour et Waltero

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Mowat scutiferis Dominis Johanne Smaly et Johanne Duncan presbiteris testibus ad premissa . . .

Et ego Thomas Boile presbiter Aberdonensis dioceseos publicus auctoritate imperiali notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

Carta pro Alano de Kynnarde de eodem.¹ —(A.D. 1440.)

Carta Alano de Kynnarde filio et heredi quondam Thome de Kynnarde et Egidie de Morauia de Colbine et heredibus suis de baronia de Kynnarde cum pertinentiis infra vicecomitatum de Perth super personalem resignationem dicti quondam Thome in manibus patris Regis sed propter repentinam mortem predicti patris postea supervenientem idem Alanus cartam suam super hujusmodi concessionem levare non potuit nec assinam prefate baronie recuperare . Hoc coram Rege et consilio suo sufficienter et clare doctum fuit et ostensum . Ac etiam de terris de baronia de Colbine cum pertinentiis infra vicecomitatum de Forres ac de omnibus terris et annuis redditibus totius unius dimidietatis baronie de Nachtane cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Fife unacum cymba passagii de le Seymyllys cum pertinentiis ac terris baronie de Badfodalis cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene ac terris de Assent cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Invernys super resignatione apud Perth dicte Egidie de Morauia de Colbine matris dicti Alani . Reservato dicte Egidie libero tenemento dictarum terrarum de Colbyn durante toto tempore vite sue et rationabili tertia sibi pertinente de terris baronie de Kynnarde cum contigerit (exceptis tamen decem marcis annui redditus de dicta cymba passagii ad infeodationem unius capellani pro perpetuo celebraturi in capella Sancti Thome prope le Seymyllis et pro sustentatione ejusdem capellani) . Reservatis etiam dicto Alano pro toto tempore vite sue ad sustentationem ejusdem decem libris annui redditus de terris de Newtoun et terris de Newtoun si per ipsum Alanum recuperari possint . Tenendis de Rege . Faciendo servitia debita et consueta . Testibus Johanne episcopo Glasguensi Johanne episcopo Moraviensi Willelmo domino Creichtoun can-

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. iv., no. 16. MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

cellario Alexandro de Levinnstoun de Calentare Johanne de Cokburne
Willelmo de Cranstoune militibus et Magistro Ricardo de Crag clerico .
Apud Edinburgum vii. die Maii et anno regni Regis quarto .

The prying of the landis of Portarstoune and the Orchardfeild to Gilbert Menzeis.¹ —(A.D. 1443.)

Till all and sindrie thir present letteris sall heer or see / Robert maister of Keth knycht and Alexander of Ogilvy of Inuerquhardy sheriw deputis of Kincardin / greiting in God ay lestand . Til your uniuersitie we mak knawin that in the shirriff courte be us haldin at Inuerberwy the . xxviiij . day of the moneth of Maij the yeir of our Lord . m^o cccc. xliij . yeiris / Gilbert Menzeis burges of Abirden followit Johne of Tulch of that Ilk and Wat of Tulch his son be the Kingis breuis of compulsione upon a soume of . viij . score of pundis of the usuale mony of Scotlande / the quhilk soume the foirsaide Johne and Wat wer awande to the foirsaide Gilbert coniunctly bundyn be thair obligationes and the quhilk soume efter lauchful processe maid the foirsaid Gilbert optenit and wan lauchfulli befor us in jugement . for the payment of the quhilkis to the said Gilbert to be maide we of autority of our office and at command of our liege the Kingis preceptis thairapone till us directit / findand na guidis of the foirsaide Johne nor Wat within our shirriffdome to mak the payment foirsaide / gert our mairis set a str[ess] upon the landis of the Porterstoun and of the Orchardfelde / and gert present to the four heid courtis nixt thaireftir haldin at Kincardin / erd and stane / and pro[ff]rit that landis to sell for payment of the foirsaide soume / and at the last court quhen yeire and day wes passit and the proces lauchfullie preuit in the court / the foirsaide Wat of Tulch maide instance to ger that actione be delayit in the plyght it then wes to the nixt heide court thair to be haldin eftir Yule / at the quhilk heide court haldin at Kincardine the . xiiij . day of the moneth of Januar the yeire of our Lord . m^o cccc. xliij . baith perteis apperit in jugement and thair the foirsaid Gilbert askit us fulfilling of law and payment to be maid him and thairupone present us our liege the

¹ [From Lord Kaimes's Historical Law Tracts, p. 444.]

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Kingis preceptis of commandement to the quhilkis we riply avisit with men of law gert chese up ane assise of the barony of the Mernis, the grete ath sworne gert tham gang out of the court to pryse to the foirsaide Gilbert als meikle land as mycht content him lauchfully of the soume foirsaide / the quhilk assise well avysit incame and deliverit that the foirsaide Gilbert sulde haue as his awn propir landis the landis of Porterstone and the landis of Orcharfelde / with thair pertinentis be tham prisit and extendit till aucht pundis worth of land for hale payment of the aucht score pundis foirsaide / And we of autority of our office deliverit to the foirsaide Gilbert in playne court the landis foirsaid to brouke and to joyse as his awn propir landis and for the mair sekyrnes we gert our mair Tome Galmock gang with the foirsaid Gilbert to the foirsaide landis and give him heritable statz and possessioun . The quhilk possessioun wes gevin in presence of Hew Aberbuthnocht of that Ilk / Johne Bissit of Kinneffe / Will of Strathachin / Johne of Pitcarne / Ranald Chene and mony utheris . And this till all that it effeiris or may effeir in tyme to cum we mak knawyne be thir present letteris to the quhilk we hawe put to our sellis the yire day and place foirsaide .

De redemptione terrarum de Vestir Badfothell.¹ —(A.D. 1448.)

In Dei nomine . Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo octavo mensis uero Octobris die vicesimo secundo . . . coram nobili et potente domino Domino Alexandro de ly Forbes ac deputato vicecomitis de Aberden pro tribunali sedente in pretorio eiusdem meique notarii publici et testium infra scriptorum presentia personaliter comparuit honorabilis vir Gilbertus Meignes burgensis de Aberden et publice demonstrauit quasdam litteras procuratorias et etiam unam litteram assignationis tanquam verus assignatus per litteras domini nostri Regis eius magno sigillo sigillatas ut prima facie apparebat ad redimendum . . . terras de Vestir Badfothell cum pertinentiis et . . . premunivit Andream Red de Badfothell ad veniendum in crastino hora decima

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ad ecclesiam parochialem Beati Nicholai de Aberden Et ad recipiendum super magnum altare eiusdem unam summam monete . . . debite super terras predictas per viam impignerationis factam quondam per Alexandrum de Murreff de Culbine olim Villelmo Rede auo dicti Andree Quo die advenientes in hora predicta prefatus Gilbertus et Andreas personaliter comparuerunt in loco predicto et in eodem instante prefatus Gilbertus numeravit super magnum altare predictum unam summam auri et argenti ad quantitatem centum marcarum onerando ipsum Andream ad demonstrandum eius litteras impignerationis penes dictas terras de Westir Badfothell desuper confectas et ad recipiendum summam sibi debitam Qui quidem Andreas alta voce respondebat . . . quod non videbat ibidem tales pecunias sicut sibi debebantur nec volebat demonstrare suam litteram impignerationis neque quamcunque aliam litteram sed simpliciter refutavit recipere pecunias suppremi domini nostri Regis usuales Quibus peractis prefatus Gilbertus prefatas pecunias in manibus Decani de ly Gylde et Balliuorum burgi de Aberden pro custodia habenda deliberavit quousque declaratione veritatis clare dinoscitur utrum predictus Andreas tenetur eas recipere aut non . . . Super quibus omnibus prefatus Gilbertus a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit publicum . . . instrumentum . . . Acta erant hec in burgo de Aberden hora quasi decima vel eocirca ante meridiem . . . presentibus ibidem nobili et potente domino Domino Alexandro de Forbes Johanne Fyfe preposito dicti burgi Andrea Buchane Duncano Clat decano gylde cum magna multitudine populi ad premissa vocatis . . .

Et ego Robertus Leis presbiter Aberdonensis dioceseos publicus auctoritate imperiali notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

Transumpt of Gilbert Menyheis backbond on the lands of half Medil Badfothaile.¹ —(A D. 1428 et A.D. 1449.)

In Dei nomine . Amen . Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno Dominice incarnationis millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo nono mensis vero Junii die decimo octauo . . . in

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mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus prouidus vir Stratheus de Myddiltone quamdam litteram in papiro scriptam mihi notario subscripto tradidit perlegendam . . . et in formam publicam redigendam sigillo Gilberti de Menyheis burgensis burghi de Abirden roboratam cuius tenor sequitur in hec uerba BE IT kennyt til all men be this present lettres me Gilbert Menyheis burges of Abirden til be haldyne and be thir lettres lelely and truely oblyss me til a noble man Thomas of Kynnard lorde of Culbyne and to Gelyss his spouss that quhat tyme thai or thair ayris payis to me or to my ayris or til my assignates fourty markis of usuale mone of Scotlande that I and my ayris or myn assignes sal deliuer to the said Thomas or til Gelyss his spouss to thar ayris or til thar assignes the lands of halfe Medil Badfothaile witht the pertinens but fraude or gyle the quhilks are vedset to me for the said soum And gywe it happynis me to qwyte out the lands of Vestir Bedfothaile I or my ayris or my assignates sal deliuer to thaim or til thar ayris or til thar assignates thai payande to me or till my ayeir the soume aucht upone thaim but fraude or gyle and in maner and forme as is contenyt in the lettres of vidsettyng maid tharupon In vittnes of the quhilk thing to thir my lettres I haffe set my seile at Abirden the first day of September the yer of our Lord m^o. cccc. twenty and aucht yers QUAM vero perlectam ac per me notarium publicum . . . plene examinatum in scriptura et sigillo ut apparuit comparationi fore sanam . . . omnibus vitio et suspicione carentem nichil addito uel remoto . . . cum hoc transumpto siue publico instrumento fideliter concordare inueni sicque huiusmodi transumpto indubitata fides valeat adhiberi Super quibus omnibus . . . dictus Stratheus vulgariter ut Straty de Mydiltone nuncupatus a me notario publico subscripto sibi publicum fieri petiit instrumentum Acta fuerunt hec infra burgum de Perth . . . presentibus ibidem discretis et religiosis viris Dominis Villelmo de Hadintone Andrea de Hadintone canonicis regularibus monasterii de Scona Dominis Ricardo Charteris et Roberto Jaksoun capellanis Villelmo Cameris et Roberto de Camera burgensibus dicti burghi de Perth testibus . . .

Et ego Thomas Gorlaw presbiter Sancti Andre diocesis publicus imperiali auctoritate notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

Carta venditionis Gilberto Meignes.¹ —(A.D. 1450.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Stephanus de Balrony burgensis de Abirden salutem . . . Sciatis me dedisse . . . et precise vendidisse . . . dilecto conburgensi meo Gilberto Meignes totam illam terram meam templariam cum pertinentiis jacentem in baronia de Badfothale infra vicecomitatum de Abirden . . . Tenendam . . . prefato Gilberto heredibus suis et suis assignatis in feodo et hereditate a me heredibus meis et meis assignatis . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . seruicia debita et consueta ac etiam Ministris seu Fratribus domus de Torfichin ordinis Sancti Johannis Jerosolomitani . . . quatuor solidos usualis monete Scotie annuatim ad festum Natiuitatis Beati Johannis Baptiste tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee propriis manibus est appensum apud Abirden vicesimo nono die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo Testibus prouidis viris Johanne de Scrogis preposito dicti burgi Johanne Fyfe Johanne Mar Johanne Scrogis patre Johanne Vocat patre Johanne Vocat filio Roberto de Balrony filio et herede dicti Stephani Andrea Tulydefe Villelmo Cadiou Edmundo Lousoun Villelmo Lousoun Thoma de Camera burgensibus et Roberto Leis capellano et notario publico .

Preceptum sasine Andree Meignes dande.¹ —(A.D. 1457.)

Andreas Red de Badfothelis honorabili viro Ricardo de Kyntor balliuo meo . . . salutem Quia . . . concessi dilecto nostro Andree Meignes burgensi burgi de Abirdene totam et integram meam dimedietatem terrarum de Medilbadfothalis mihi hereditarie contingentem in excambio terrarum suarum de Westirbadfothalis cum pertinentiis jacentium in baronia de Badfothalis infra vicecomitatum de Abbirden prout in carta desuper confecta latius continetur Quare vobis precipio . . . quatinus dicto Andree Meignes aut suo certo attornato latori presentium saisinam . . . deliberetis . . . Ad quod faciendum vobis tenore presentium meam

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plenariam potestatem committo per presentes quibus sigillum meum est appensum apud dictum burgum xiii^o die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo septimo .

Donatio Regis super resignatione Alexandri Menzeis et Issabelle Cambell.¹ —(A.D. 1470.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo mensis vero Nouembris die nono . . . in . . . serenissimi domini nostri Regis meique notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia honorabilis vir Alexander Menzeis burgensis burgi de Abyrdene et Issabella Cambell resignarunt . . . in manibus dicti domini nostri Regis . . . terras de Myddiltoun et de Botfodalis cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Abyrdene et terras de Portartoun et de Orchardfelde cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardyn Qua resignatione facta dictus dominus Rex . . . donauit . . . dictas terras . . . soli prefato Alexandro Menzeis heredibus et assignatis suis a prefata Isabella heredibus et assignatis suis in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum ita libere . . . sicut pater dicti Alexandri temporibus quibuscunque preteritis dictas terras . . . tenuit . . . Super quibus omnibus prefatus Alexander Menzeis a me notario publico infrascripto sibi fieri petiit publicum . . . instrumentum . . . Acta fuerunt hec in camera regia infra castrum de Striueline hora secunda vel eacirca post meridiem . . . presentibus nobilibus prepotentibus et magnificis dominis et honorabilibus ac discretis viris videlicet Andrea domino Vallis Auandie cancellario . . . Colino comite Ergadie domino de Lorne magistro familie . . . Magistro Daud Guthry de Kyncardrum compotorum rotulatore . . . Johanne Kennedy filio et herede apparente nobilis domini Gilberti domini le Kennedy Alexandro Lesly de Brekrav Colyno Cambel Magistro Andrea Lyale thesaurario ecclesie cathedralis Abirdonensis Willelmo Loury subcantore ecclesie cathedralis Brechinensis et Willelmo Roger magistro domus specierum testibus cum multis aliis . . .

Et ego Jacobus Daron presbiter Sancti Andree dioceseos publicus auctoritatibus imperiali ac regali notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

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Instrumentum Andree Rede de solutione summe ab illo debite pro matrimonio filie ejus.¹ —(A.D. 1473.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo cccc^{mo}. lxxii^o. mensis Januarii die ultimo . . . coram preposito et balliuis burgi de Aberdene pro tribunali sedentibus meique notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter comparuit prouidus et circumspectus vir Andreas Rede de Badfothellis ac burgensis dicti burgi de Abirdene in causa cuiusdam obligationis facte inter ipsum Andream tanquam principalem ab una et Thomam de Mar dicti burgi burgensem ex altera partibus penes matrimonium contractum et solempnizatum inter eundem Thomam et Katrinam Rede filiam dicti Andree et occasione eiusdem . . . proposuit . . . videlicet Alexander Rede filius suus et apparens heres . . . extiterit obligatus cum eo in huiusmodi obligatione pro certa summa pecunie dicto Thome soluenda certis die et loco . . . Idem Andreas publice declarauit quod ipse fuit principalis debitor huiusmodi summe . . . et non filius eius antedictus offerensque se dictum suum filium . . . exonerare penes huiusmodi obligationem per sua bona propria mobilia et immobilia sic quod filius suus Alexander Rede nullum dampnum . . . in persona sua et in bonis suis pro ipso caperet . . . quoquomodo petensque suam obligationem ibidem . . . ostendi coram iudice suo ordinario ratione contractus per eundem Thomam Mar tunc presentem et quicquid de dicta obligatione restat non solum [promisit] se soluere . . . de suis propriis bonis ut premittitur pro releuatione . . . dicti Alexandri filii sui et principaliter pro bonis suis arrestatis cum suo mercatore Andrea More apud Brugis que se extendunt ad summam nouem librarum grossarum monete Flandrie . . . Super quibus omnibus . . . prefatus Andreas Rede a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum Acta erant hec in pretorio dicti burgi de Abirden hora undecima vel eocirca ante meridiem . . . presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris Andrea Alani preposito Alexandro Blindsele Gilberto Waus balliuis Alexandro Menzes Ricardo de Kyntor et Patricio Badenach burgensibus cum diuersis aliis testibus . . .

Et ego Robertus Leis presbiter Aberdonensis dioceseos publicus imperiali et regia auctoritatibus notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

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Confirmatio Regia carte Alexandri Rede de Petfoddellis.¹ —(A.D. 1488.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus . . . salutem Sciatis nos quamdam cartam dilecti nostri Alexandri Rede de Petfodellis cum . . . consensu . . . Roberti Rede sui fratris et apparentis heredis factam . . . dilecte nostre Mariote Cullane sponse dicti Alexandri . . . ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris . . . Alexander Rede de Petfodellis . . . salutem Noueritis me . . . cum . . . consensu . . . Roberti Rede fratris mei germani heredis mei apparentis dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse carissime sponse mee Mariote Cullane omnes et singulas terras meas de Westir Petfodellis cum pertinentiis jacentes in baronia mea de Petfodellis infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Tenendas . . . prefate Mariote pro toto tempore vite sue a me et heredibus meis de supremo domino nostro Rege . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . unum denarium . . . nomine albe firme si petatur tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee et sigillum dicti Roberti fratris mei ac heredis apparentis sunt appensa apud Abirdene decimo nono die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo septimo presentibus venerabili in Christo patre Jacobo permissione diuina abbate de Deir [Domino] Nicholaio Scलगу monacho eiusdem Alexandro Pettindrecht Andrea Torry Henrico Rede Johanne Portare et Domino Johanne Striueling presbitero ac notario publico QUAMQUIDEM cartam . . . in omnibus . . . pro nobis . . . et successoribus nostris . . . pro perpetuo confirmamus . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmationis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendis in Christo patribus Roberto episcopo Glasguensi Georgio episcopo Dunkeldensi Willelmo episcopo Abirdonensi Jacobo episcopo Dumblanensi dilectis consanguineis nostris Colino comite de Ergile . . . cancellario nostro Daud comite de Craufurde . . . magno camerario nostro Andrea domino Avandale Willelmo domino Borthwick magistro hospitii nostri Johanne domino Boithuile Johanne domino Carlill dilectis

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² On the fourth day of November, 1504, the King confirmed to Alexander Rede of Petfodellis, and Margaret Craufurde his spouse, the lands of Estirtoun and Westirtoun of Petfodellis, with the fishing on the water of Dee. (Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 64. MS Gen. Reg. House.)]

clericis nostris Magistris Daud Levingstoun rectore de Are nostri secreti sigilli custode Alexandro Inglis archidiacono Sanctiandree Archibaldo Quhitlaw archidiacono Laudonie secretario nostro et Domino Alexandro Scot rectore de Wigtoun clerico rotulorum nostrorum et registri apud Edinburgh decimo sexto die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo septimo et regni nostri vicesimo octauo .

Inquisitio Daud Menzeis.¹ —(A.D. 1506.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene decimo tercio die mensis Januarij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watterton vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Aberdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Iruyn de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillortht Gilbertum Hay de Ardenderaugh milites Walterum Berclay de Towy Willelmum Turing de Foverne Willelmum Forbes de Towys Thomam Fraser de Stanyvod Alexandrum Johnstone de eodem Andream Tulideff de eodem Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyuer Robertum Dogud de Auchnahuff Alexandrum Reid de Petfodellis Ranaldum Oudny filium et heredem apparentem Willelmi Oudny de eodem Alexandrum Gordone de Kennerty et Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Alexander Menzeis frater Daud Menzeis latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Mydyl Petfodellis et piscarijs earundem cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Daud est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Alexandri fratris sui de dictis terris et piscariis cum suis pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre cum piscarijs et suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum quinque libras et valuerunt quadraginta solidos tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de suppremo domino nostre Rege per

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the same day, Elizabetht Leslie, the widow of the above-mentioned Alexander Menzeis, had her terce adjudged to her out of the same lands. On the third day of October, 1508, Gilbert Menzeis was served heir to the above-named David Menzeis, his father, in these lands; and Katherine Wricht, the widow of David, was found entitled to her terce from them. (Ibid.)]

seruicium warde et releuij Et nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per spacium trium mensium aut eocirca legitime per seipsum ob decessum dicti quondam Alexandri in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis .

Contract between the Lord Forbes Johne Leslie of Balquhane and Thoms Menzes of Pittfoddellis.¹ —(A.D. 1552.)

At Grantulie the xxvii. day of Februar the yeir of God ane thousand five hundred and fifty ane yeris in presens of ane potent and nobel lord George erll of Huntlie luftennent of the north it is . . . contractit and faithfullie oblegit betwixt Williame lord Forbes and Johne Leslie of Balquhane for thameselfis kyn freindis seruandis assisstiris pairttakkeris on that ane pairt and James Gordoun of Methlyk in name and behalf of Thomas Menzes of Pittfoddilis he oblesand for him himselff his kyn freindis seruandis assisstiris and pairttakkeris on that vther pairt eueschuing all eilestis offensis displesure . . . standand betwixt thame and in special of the slauchteris happenit betwixt Maister Thomas Daudeson Maister Walter Leslie and otheris ther complices and pairttakkeris baitht of the slauchteris mutilatioun gif ony be hurting blude drauing and woundis and otheris whatsomeuer . . . to the effect following that is to say for till euischew griter inconvenience and commond weill of the haille cuntreth the saydis Lord Forbes for his kyn freindis seruandis and all personis pertaining to him that it is offended to hes oblesit him for thame and in likwayiss the sayd Johnn Leslie of Balquhane oblesand him for himself his kyn freindis seruandis and all personis pertaining to him that it is offended to and als the sayd James Gordoun of Methlyk in name of the sayd Thomas Menzes for his kyn freindis seruandis and all other personis pertaining to him that it is offended to hes submittit the decisioun of all the premises to my sayd Lord Luftennent Williame Lord Forbes and Johnn Leslie of Balquhane all three coniunctly in ane voce as gugis arbitrateris and amicable componituris quha sal convein God willing in the cathedrall kirk of Aberdene on Monunday the ellevint day of April

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. . . followand the date of ther presentis at nyne hours befor nowne and sal deliuer thair finall sentence and amicable compositioun within xxiiii. houris thairefter and as thai deleuer the saydis partiis sal fulfill and for securitie and guid rewile to be had in the mydtyme and that Thomas Menzeis of Pitfoddellis Gilbert Menzeis Mr. Thomas Menzeis Alexander Menzeis Robert Menzeis and William Menzeis sonis to the sayd Thomas Menzeis David Menzeis and Gilbert Menzeis brether to the sayd Thomas Thomas Menzeis his brothers sone Patrik Menzeis Gilbert Menzeis and Gilbert Menzeis seruandis to the said Patrik / Maister George Johnstoun Alexander Waus younger lard of Mane Thomas Nicholsoun David Mar bailye Alexander Knowis Maister Andro Herwy Williame Herwy his brother James Litster Patrik Malisoun Jhone Crawford son to Andro Crawford / James Spens Robert Middiltoun Patrik Middiltoun seruandis to the sayd Thomas Menzeis / Jaspert Bard Alexander Kempt Thomas Burrol Jhone Boyd Andro Beney Henrie Laying William Jamesoun masoun Thomas Shand and Coling Pertaweill sal be harmless and skaithless of all bodelie harme to Sonday callit *Dominica in Albis* inclusiue the said William lord Forbes and Johnn Leslie of Balquhane obleiss thame for thameselffis kyn freindis seruandis assisteris or pairttakkeris respectiue ilk ane for thair awn sae mony as the sayd Thomas betwix this and Twysday nixt cummes deleueris in bill subscriuit with his hand to Mr. Robert Lumisden and otheris quhom thai ma lat that the foresaydis Thomas Menzeis of Pitfoddellis and personis forsaydis sal be harmless and skaithless to the said Sonday under the pane of periure infame and inhabilite and refund to our Souerane Lady hir tutor and thesaurar the soume of ane thousand lib. Scottis money *tanquam interesse habentium* in case the sayd Thomas or ony of the forsaydis personis get or incur ony bodelie harme or skaitht in thair personis be ony way as sayd is and to euischew all sic eilestis my Lord Luftennent forsayd ordanis quhat tyme my Lord Forbes the Lard of Balquhane his sone the Lard of Wardderis or his sone Arthure Forbes or Maister Duncan Forbes happynis to be in Aberdene the Prouest beyng adwertesit he sal cause his sone and seruandis that was present at the forsayd displeure as is allegit that is to say Robert Menzeis Mr. George Johnstoun young Lard Mane Mr. Andro Herwy John Crauford Robert Middiltoun Patre Middiltoun Jaspert Bard Alexander Kempt youngar Tom Burrol Jhone Boyd

Gilbert Menzeis Hewbrand Menzeis Alexander Gibbert to euischow frae all oppin conventioun or passing upoun the get induring the tyme forsayd and als the sayd Thomas Menzeis sal gif to Mr. Duncan Forbes his brether freindis seruandis assisteris and pairttakkeris ane sufficient assurance for sae mony personis as he vill gif in bill to the sayd Sondag in *Abis* ilk person under the panis forsaydis quhilk assurance shall be deliuerit to Mr. Duncan Forbes betwix this and Twysday nixt he requirand the same and the saydis Prouest to assure for the Middiltounis as well as for his awn seruandis induring the forsayd tyme In witness of the quhilks my saydis Lord Luftennent Lord Forbes and Johne Leslie of Balquhane hes subscriuit thir presentis with thair handis day and place forsayd and sic like quhen the Middiltounis happenys to be in the toune or thair special freindis the said Maister Duncan beyng advertesit he sal cause Johne Tullidaf Williame Jak to euischow frae all oppin conventioun or passing upoun the get induring the tyme forsayd.

George erll off Huntlie.

Jon Leslie of Ba'quhane.

William lord Forbes.

James Gordoune.

Band of protectioun Huntlie to Pitfoddellis.¹ —(A.D. 1588.)

Be it kend till all men be thir present lettiris we George erll Huntlie lord Gordoun and Baidzenochtt to be bound and oblist . . . to our louittis Gilbert Menzeis of Pitfoddellis prouest of Abirdene Maister Thomas Menzeis of Durne his brothir thair sonis kyn and freindis Forsameekill as the said Gilbert and Maister Thomas for themselffis and takand the burding on thame for thair kyn and freindis are bound in manrent and seruice to ws during . . . the lyf tyme of the longest lewar of thame twa as thair lettir of manrent thairupoun beiris heirfore we sal mantein supplie and defend the sayd Gilbert Mengzeis Mr. Thomas Mengzeis thair sonis kyn and freindis and tak afauld and [trew pairt with thame] . . . and sal do to thame and for thame in all thair adois honest and leifull as we sal do for ony of our awn kyn and that for all the dayis of our lyf . . . In witness of the quhilk thing to thir our letteris of mantein-

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ance subscriueit with our hand our sell is hungin at Perth the nynt day of June the year of God m v^c fourscoir and aucht yearis befor thir witness Prouiding that the said Gilbert and Mr. Thomas with thair kyn and freindis remitt to my desicioun all eilestis past or that may fall furth betwix thaeme and ony of myne and this to be extendit in sae mony as will not submitt thair causis unto me and nae other befor thir vitness Mr. Franzeis Cheyne Johnne Gordoun of Petlurge Thomas Gordoun of Sedyden and Capiten Thomas Ker.

George erlle of Huntlye.

Compt of the publique dewis payit furth of the Laird of Pethfoddellis lands fra the yeir of God 1643 to the first of August 1652.¹

Imprimis the saidis lands payit of lone and taxt in <i>anno</i> 1644 quhilk was imposit in <i>anno</i> 1643	481	6	3
Item the said lands patt furth in <i>anno</i> 1644 and moneth of Januari therof to Captain Robert Douglass in the Erle Marshells his regiment thrittie futt sojouris at fourtie pound a peice is	1200	0	0
Item at that same tyme to Captaine Androw Arbuthnott ane furnisht troupe horse <i>inde</i>	200	0	0
Item mor of contributione to the Laird of Elsick	62	8	0
In <i>anno</i> 1644 the saids lands patt out to Captaine Leith the half of the former levie and patt furth ane compleit horse and ressavit in supplie from Drume and Auchluneis of thriscoir of poundis <i>inde</i>	140	0	0
In May 1644 the lands patt out to Major Androw Leslie thrittine futemen at ane hundreth merkis a peice is	866	13	4
Item to Captaine Stratone ane horse and a quarter is	250	8	0
In October 1645 thir lands patt out to Magor-Generall Midletoune thritine fute sojouris at fourtie pound a piece is	520	0	0
In Marche 1646 thir lands patt out to the Laird of Bal-			

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bignoe for recruit of the Erle Marshall's regiment thriteine men at fourtie pound a peice is	520	0	0
Mair to Balbignoe as the eight man nyne men and ane halff at fourtie pound a peice <i>inde</i>	380	0	0
<i>In anno</i> 1645 the mantinance is laid one and be reasone of the frequent marchis to and againe of the cuntrie forcis efter Montroise armie fyve moneth ar onlie payit of the haill yeares 1645 and 1646 and the pay- ment of sevintie moneths suspende for payment of the quarterings. <i>Inde</i> for the saidis landis fyve moneths being monethlie fyftie fyve pound fyve shilling sex pennies <i>inde</i>	276	7	6
<i>In anno</i> 1647 the maintenance continuwit throughout the haill year <i>inde</i>	663	6	0
<i>In anno</i> 1648 the mantinance continwit throughout the haill year <i>inde</i>	663	6	0
<i>In anno</i> 1648 the saids lands patt out to the wnlawfull Ingadgement wnder Collonell George Keith to Cap- taine Coutis tuentie sevin fute and ane quarter at fourtie pound a peice is	1090	0	0
Item to the officers sevin pound for each sojour <i>inde</i> . . .	190	0	0
Item the saidis lands patt out as ther proportione fyftie four horse to the said Ingagement twa horses com- pleitlie furnisht and payit six and tuentie pound mor <i>inde</i>	426	0	0
<i>In</i> September 1648 thir lands wer appoyntit to put a horse to the Laird of Balmaine younger to the Prince guard and quhill thir horse ar levieing the said armie being defait at Prestoun the Comittie of Estaitis discharges the levie and appoyntis the Laird of Balmaine to re- turne such horses as he had receavit to ther outputtes		
<i>In</i> October 1648 after the defait at Prestoun thir lands payit as ther proportione of tua hundrethe fute to Colonell Menzies <i>inde</i>	135	0	0

Nota: I am not so cleir in this not as I vold be-
caus the rol is fallen by my hand.

Item the saids lands putt out to Colonell Arnet ane compleit horse <i>inde</i>	200	0	0
For the mantinance of Januari 1649 <i>inde</i>	55	5	6
For Februar 1649 <i>inde</i>	36	6	8
For Marche Apryll May and June 1649	257	18	8
For his pairt of thrittie sevine horse to the Lord Brechine in Apryll 1649 the lands patt out two horse and resavit contributione of fourtie fyve pound <i>inde</i>	355	0	0
The mantinance of July	55	5	6
The mantinance for August 1649 September October November December <i>in eodem</i>	260	0	0
The mantinance for the year 1650 and tuelf months thereof	624	0	0
Item twa additionall moneths to Hampsons and to the King's expenssis in Holland	162	11	0
In June 1650 thir lands patt out to the first and second levies to the Lord Arbuthnett or at least to Cap ^t . Montgumrie and Cap ^t . Shaw thrittie eight sojouris half sojour at fourtie pound a peice is	1520	0	0
Item to each sojour for his panne and his tent tuelf shilling <i>inde</i>	16	10	0
Item thir lands patt out for the first and second levies of horse to the Lord Briechine and Captaine Arbuthnet thrie horses <i>inde</i>	600	0	0
In September 1650 thir lands payit as the pairt of the thrittie dayis lone	136	5	0
In October 1650 thir lands patt out to the Laird of Balbignoe fourteine men tua pairt man at fourtie pound a peice is	536	13	4
In October 1650 thir lands patt out for recruit of Sir Johne Broune's regiment twa horse and resavit in contributione fourscoir sex pound <i>inde</i>	251	5	6
In anno 1651 thir lands patt out to Colonell Manuel thritie ane sojour half sojour at fourtie pound the peice is	1220	0	0
The transport being thrie pound on sik sojouris	94	10	0
Item for ther fourtie dayes loune	335	15	0

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Item for the officiaris pay and transport	155	9	6
Item thir lands patt out to Colonell Manuel thrie bagage men pryce of the peice fourtie pound <i>inde</i>	120	0	0
Nota: Ther was allowance given for thrie bag- age men of ane hundreth and four scoir pound.			
Item thir lands patt out to the Erle Marshall thrie horss <i>inde</i>	600	0	0
Item for the fourtie dayes lone and ther ryderis at thrittie pound on each horse is	90	0	0
Item the lone payit over the thrie horse	64	0	0
Item thir lands payit ther proportioun of thrie horses to the King's servants	20	3	0
Item to the Generall artailerie	17	5	6
For a moneths mantinance grantit to the King in July	52	0	0
In anno 1651 thir lands payit as ther proportioun of nyne hundreth bolls of meill thrittie ane bolls with fourtie fyve shilling of transport with each boll	879	15	0
Item thir lands patt out as thir part of the thowsand bolls meall thrittie four bolls twa firlois and thrie pecks at ten pound the boll is	346	17	6
In August 1651 thir lands payit for recruit of Major Generall Massies horss ane hundreth merkis and ther propper pairt was onlie	32	10	0
Nota: The rest of this hundreth merkis was payit be the contributoris.			
In August 1651 thir lands patt out to Dunotter six fute <i>inde</i>	240	0	0
In October 1651 thir lands payit as ther proportioun of sex dayes provisione of fyve hundreth and ten men quartered at Monrose sevin dayis <i>inde</i>	230	6	0
In November thir lands interteined ther proportioun of twa hundreth and thrie horse at Arbrothe quhairin ilk six pound twelf shilling of mantinance payit <i>per</i> <i>diem</i> twentie six shilling to the Inglishe officers the particuler discharges quhairof will instruct the pro-			

portiones onlie be the rule of mantinance the lands sould haue intertaned sevin horse or therby quhilk <i>per diem</i> was nyn pound tua shilling <i>inde</i> for a moneth and a half	409 0 0
In December 1651 the lands payit fra December wntill the eighteenth day of Januari monethlie ane hundreth and ellevine pound twelf shilling and six pennies <i>inde</i> for two moneth	223 5 0
Thir lands payit fra the eighteine of Januari to the four- teinth of Februarie	87 0 0
Item fra the fourteinth of Februarie to the first of Marche is	47 10 9
For the moneths of March Apryll May June July August being six moneths thrie scoir twa pound eighteine shilling and aucht pennies <i>inde</i>	377 12 0
Fra the twentie fyfth day of Marche to the first of June thir lands payit for coall and candle to the garrisons of Feteressoe and Breichen	5 0 0
<i>Summa totalis</i> eightein thowsand thrie hundreth tuentie sex pundis four shillingis tua pennies	<u>18326 4 2</u>

Mr. J. Stuart.

Informatione for Sir Gilbert Mengzeis of Pitfoddellis to Sir Alexander
Fraser of Durris.¹ —(A.D. 1668.)

Aberdeen 26 October 1668.

To informe his Sacred Majestie of the great losses and sufferings the
said Sir Gilbert and his familie have sustained wpon the accompt of his
constant adhering to the deceased King's Majestie of ever blessed
memorie and his present Majesties interests and service from the be-
ginning of the trubles by quarterings extraordinarie leavies of horse and
foot sequestrationes plunderings payement of fynes and other extraordi-

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narie occasiones bot most of all by the losse of his lady and children besyd the hazard of his oune persone severall tymes both by sea and land .

First the said Sir Gilbert did engage himself in his Majesties service at the Brigge of Die in the year 1639 wnder Sir Williame Gunne generall of his Majesties forces at the tym having his eldest sone in company with him . And the enemy having prevailed that tym himself and his sone wer forced to retein to the Highlands wher they lived for a considerable tym in exile till they wer forced to goe over seas for ther securitie and shunning the present imminent danger at that tym . Therefter having stayed abroad for a long tym the enemy having entered in possessione of his fortune being advertised heroff by his freinds forced to returne home for preventing of his totall ruine and to submitt himself to the enemies mercie who did fyne him in fyve hundreth pundis sterling whilk he reallie payed and having stayed somewhyle in the countrey the troubles encreasing and being pressed to subscribe the Covenant he wes againe necessitat and his sone to goe over seas wher having stayed about eightein moneths he sent for his lady and children who going to France wer totallie robbed and all taken from them by the Parliament ships and carried to Ostend so that the said Sir Gilbert was forced to goe in persone and his eldest sone thither for ther releiff to his great charges and expenses and caried them to France wher having stayed for a long tym and not having wherupon to maintaine themselves he wes constrained to send his lady home for endeavoring to get some supplie furth of his oune fortune for their aliment at home and abroad . Bot his lady finding the wholl countrey in a combustion and her husband's wholl fortune exhausted by quarterings leavies maintenance loan moneys and other publict burdings above exprest shee having acquaint him therewith he and his sone wer againe forced efter four yeirs absence in France (not being supplied in the least by there oune fortune) to returne home . At which tym finding by just accompt that not only the four yeares rent during the tyme of his absence wes exhausted bot that the tennentis were super expended in the fyrst he wes forced to discharge the same to them otherwayes to turne the wholl land useless and unprofitable . Efter his returne having stayed some sex moneths the troubles encreasing daylie more and more he wes forced with his lady and his eldest sone and ane younger to returne to France . And he and his eldest sone being em-

barked in one veshell and his lady and the younger in another tho he and the elder by God's providence were preserved his lady and the younger perished by storme and tempest . And therafter he and his elder sone having stayed some six moneths in France reteired to Holland wher his present Majestie being for the tym and having given his commission to the Marquis of Montrose for Scotland the said Marquis at his aryvall there did confer that honor upon the said Sir Gilbert his eldest sone as to carie his Majesties standard who wes killed under the samen in the yeir 1649 . During all which tym the said Sir Gilbert remained abroad in exile and till the year 1652 that the Usurper did make himself master of most pairt of the kingdome and having stayed some two or thrie yeares at home wes again necessitat with his familie to abandon his countrey being hardlie pressed to subscribe the Tender disclaiming the King's lafull authority and to returne againe to France efter they had been taken prisoners at Ostend for the space of sex moneths (as is notourlie known to his present Majestie) wes necessitat before his releasment to pay for his ransome and releiff the soum of three thousand gilders so that by his losses at sea his imprisonment at Ostend and his ransome for his releiff he was prejudged in above ane thousand pounds sterling before the sequestratione of his fortune during the space of two yeires in the Vsurpers tym.

By all which ocasioness above mentioned the said Sir Gilbert hath been prejudged in the soum of tuelff thousand pounds sterling and upwards besyd the great losse of his lady and sones and hath been forced to dispone and sell a considerable part of his fortune so that the remainder is now brocht verie low and lyk to ruine wnlesse his Sacred Majestie of his royall bountie provyd some speidie remeid therfor.

The Descent of the family of Pitfoddelles from the family of Weyme to the present time, set forth in *anno* 1679. ¹

Sir Robert Menzies of Weyme knight had two sons, the second quherof

¹ [From "A Collection containing ane Genealogical and Historical relation of sundrey Noblemen and Gentlemens families in Scotland," written by Robert Mylne in the year 1706. MS. in the Library at Skene House.]

was called Gilbert, who gat from his father for his portion the loch and [is]land [of] Kandars lying at Colblain.

(1.) Gilbert. The said Gilbert Menzies, son to the said Sir Robert, married Marjorie Liddell, lawfull daughter to Sir William Liddell, provest of Aberdeen, [and] on her begat

(2.) Andrew Menzies, who married Elizabeth Arbuthnet, lawfull daughter to the Laird of Arbuthnett, and on her begat

(3.) Alexander Menzies, who married Elizabeth Lesley, daughter to the Laird of Balcomie, who died without succession, and to him succeeded

(4.) David Menzies, his brother german, who married Margaret Fotheringham, lawfull daughter to the Laird of Powrie, and on her begat

(5.) Gilbert Menzies, who was surnamed *Banison Gib*, and married Marjorie Chambers, lawfull daughter to Murtle, and on her begat two sons, Thomas and Gilbert.

(6.) Thomas Menzies married Marjorie Reid, heretrix of the east half of the lands of Pittfoddells, and on her begat

(7.) Gilbert Menzies Laird of Pitfoddells, who married Margaret Keith, lawfull daughter to the Laird of Trowp, and brother's daughter to the Earl of Marishall, and on her begat

(8.) George Menzies of Pittfoddells, who married Violet Forbes, lawfull daughter to the Laird of Pitsligo, and on her begat

(9.) Gilbert Menzies of Pitfoddells, who married Margaret Irvine, daughter to the Laird of Drum, and on her begatt

(10.) Gilbert Menzies of Pittfoddells, who married Anna Gordon, lawfull daughter to the Earl of Sutherland, and on her begat

(11.) Gilbert Menzies who was killed (being about the twenty-second year of his age) in his Prince's service, under the command of the Marquis of Montrose, in the north, and had no succession, and to him succeeded

(12.) William Menzies, his brother german, who married Beatrix Fletcher, lawfull daughter to my Lord Inuerpeffer, and on her begat

(13.) William, Charles, James, Ann, and Margaret Menzies; and married, for his second lady, Jean Semple, lawfull daughter to my Lord Semple.

The aforesaid *Banison Gib* had two sons, Thomas and Gilbert; and the said Gilbert married Jannet Maitland, lawfull daughter to Achmor-

diw, and on her begat Thomas Menzies of Balgonie, who married Jannet Gordon, lawfull daughter to the Laird of Abergeldie.

Nota: There is ane book the title quherof is *Memorialls of the Royall Brughs in Scotland*, prented at Aberdeen, the year 1685, which contains ane catalogue of the Provests of Aberdeen from the year 1310, and, in the year 1413, *Gulielmus Jackson, provest, from this forth we can find no court book till Gilbert Menzeis time 1426*. Whether Provest Liddell not named was befor the catalogue or omitted is uncertaine, but he is not made mention of.

The Genoliges of Pitfodols.¹ —(A.D. 1697.)

Sir Robert Mingis of that Ilk and of Wymes knight. Gilbert Mingis son to Sir Robert who was prowest in Aberdeine who married Mariorie Lidall dochter to Sir William Lidall. Androw Mingis son to Gilbert prowest the second who married Elizabeth Arbuthnot dochter to the Laird of Arbuthnet. Alexander Mingis son to Andrew prowest the third married Elizabeth Leslie doghter to Sir William Leslie of Ballcomie. David Mingis brother jarmone to Alexander prowest the fourth married Katrine Foderinam doghter to the Laird of Purie. Gilbert Mingis son to Daudid prowest the fifth married Marjorie Chamber doghter to the Laird of Mur[t]le. Thomas Mingis son to Gilbert prouest the sixth married Marjori Red doghter to Alexander Red of Pitfodels. Gilbert Mingis son to Thomas prowest the seventh married Margaret Keth doghter to the Laird Troup. George Mingis son to Gilbert prowest the married Welot Forbes doghter to the Laird of Pitsligo. Gilbert Mingis son to George laird of Pitfodals commonly called *William of the Cup* married Margrat Irwin doghter to the Laird Drum. M^r. Thomas Mingis of Durn second son to Thomas prowest the eighth married Margrat Ogelbie doghter to the Laird Durn. Sir Thomas Mingis son to M^r. Thomas of Durn prowest the ninth married Elizabeth Ogelbie doghter to George Ogelbie the laird of Dunluges.

¹ [From a paper in the handwriting of the time in the Pitfodels charter chest.]

THE PARISH OF DRUMOAK.¹

[In Festo] Sancte Mazote virginis non martyris.²

Ad Vesperas antiphona .

Hec est vna de prudentibus prefulsit in virtutibus Mazota virgo nobilis que in annis puellaribus vas Christo facta est placabilis mundi terrena respuens et Jesum super omnia querens .

Oracio .

Deus qui omnipotenciam tuam peccatoribus miserando maxime manifestas multiplica super nos misericordiam tuam [v]t intercedente Beata Mazota virgine tua propiciacionis tue gratiam misericorditer consequamur . Per Dominum .

Lectio i.

Dum vniuerso terrarum orbi qui sub nostri Saluatoris Jesu Christi vexillo et fide militant et viuunt Beate Virginis Brigide fama volitaret et per ipsius innumerabilia miracula diuinitus emissa promulgata et publicata Pictorum Rege inclito Granerdo filio Domach Beate Brigide caro

[See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 274-279.

The church of Dulmayok or Dalmayak, was confirmed to the See of Aberdeen, by Pope Adrian IV., in 1157. (Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., pp. 6, 85.) It was erected into a prebend of the cathedral church, in the year 1368, by Bishop Alexander of Kynninmond, the second of that name, at the instance of Master John of Pebles. (Id., vol. ii., p. 258.) In the year 1331, Alexander, bishop of Aberdeen, gave the land of Dulmaock and Petebrachere, next the forest of Drum, with the right of pasture in the common in the forest, to William of Irwyn, for yearly payment of forty six shillings and eight pence sterling. (Id., vol. i., pp. 52, 135, 142, 143.) In the year 1452, Sir Alexander of Irwyn of Drum, knight, resigned the kirk lands of Dulmayok and Petbrechar in the hands of Bishop Ingeram. (Id., vol. i., p. 271.) The marches of the lands are thus described: "In the first the Mere burne thro the Merefurde the Hirde hillok the . . . stane the Sledeyat off Ardgyrne the Ball bush the Modermyre the H . . . of Petbrachare at the Forest syde " (Id., vol. i., p. 246.)]

² [From the Breuiarium Aberdonense, Prop. Sanct. pro. temp. hyemali, foll. xxi, xxii.]

consanguineo contra Britones dimicante eidem Regi per tres noctes et dies nimio luminis candore similiter est preostensa voxque eidem celitus dicens audita est . Mitte pro Brigida consanguinea tua que nunc Hybernice fines incolit suisque preceptis et consiliis acquiesce et tuorum inimicorum habebis victoriam et glorie palmam . Quod et protinus peractum est .

Lectio ii.

Beata vero Brigida per dicti Regis nuncios diuinitus primum cerciorata acceptis secum nouem virginibus animo et corpore castissimis ipsam concomitantibus ab Hybernia ad Scociam denuo reuersa est : et ad Abir-nethy que non longe a Taye fluuio eiusdem parte australi sita celitus perducitur : quo in loco in Omnipotentis Dei honore et intemerate Virginis Marie eiusdem Dei genitricis basilicam construxit : in qua predicatione Beate Brigide et suarum virginum ad Christi fidem prefatus Rex cum omni sua familia baptizati sunt .

Lectio tertia .

Inter quas virgunculas pudissimas et mansuetissimas vnam magis Deo dilectam ob singularem integerrimam fidem et feruentem amorem quos erga Christum habebat magis venerandam et colendam comperimus Mazotam nomine virginem sane Deo amabilem non tantum carne sed mente virginalem inuiolabiliter obseruando castitatem et vsque ad felicem eius obitum vlla absque viciosa carnis macula et tabe perseueranter permanentem matrimonii nexum a terrenarum rerum principibus instancius et frequencius oblatum cum opulentissimis diuiciis et opibus similiter pro Dei amore abnegandum censuit et refutauit ne illis virginibus comparetetur teste Domino in Euangelio non habentibus lampades ardentes propter bona opera que extra celorum ianuam repulse sunt .

Tres medie lectiones de Sancto Diaconano martire et confessore . de comuni vnius martiris .

Lectio vii .

Namque sicuti lilium in arbusto inter pullulantes cardines positum arbor : illa florifera et pulchra rugosa quamquam et aspera amabilius preeligitur et a legentibus gustandi libidinem audius carpitur et maiori in precio est : multo magis hec virgo Mazota cuius in honore precipuus hic

dies dedicatur hodiernus reliquis suis conuirginibus magis extollenda et a Christi fidelibus veneranda venit cum ipsam apud Deum maiorem gratiam ceteris vindicasse testatur historia . Nichil vero lubricum seu caducum qualia sunt que mundi termino finem habent rebus celestibus anteposuit que perpetuo durant et finem habere nequiunt .

Lectio viii .

Sancta itaque et quam laudabilis sane fuit huius virginis conuersacio apud Deum et homines grataque et quam amabilis que celestia sunt semper meditando . vt ceteris virginibus de facili prerogatiuam beate viuendi nomen haberet nec miraculorum Beate Brigide cuius vestigia incessanter sectata est expars fuit puellarum omnium et iuencularum mulierum exemplar mansuetissimum sese exhibuit et ornamentum pudica / pia / modesta / et verecunda / ea studendo que ad regnum eternum facilius animas producant elemosinis oracionibus et ieiuniis indesinentem ad celos scalam indissolubili materia coadunauit et piis operibus de sursum erexit et fabricauit .

Lectio nona .

Pictorum vero Rex prefatus per beatissimas virgines Brigidam et Mazotam catholica accepta fide predictam basilicam per eundem constructam precibus earundem virginum pro perpetuo dotauit : atque eisdem per Beatum Patricium extunc in Scocia degentem suis sumptibus consecrari fecit . in qua Beata Mazota cum ceteris suis virginibus die et nocte Deo seruientibus in sanctitate et iusticia cunctis diebus vite sue permansit vbi quamplurimis Deo auctore coruscauit miraculis : sed tandem diuina disposicione Beata Mazota cum singulis suis conuirginibus successiue soluto carnis argastulo ibidem in fata decesserunt vbi nunc cum Christo in celis triumphant et ibidem sepulte sunt . Nulla profecto lingua ediscere valet tanta et quam miranda per prefatam Mazotam Deus ipse gloriosus in celis dedignatus est facere et ostendere nobis miracula in terris . ipsa vero corpore sacratissimo resoluta fidelium diuina prouidencia exaucta deuocio ecclesiam de Dulmaok super Dee fluuio nunc collocata . in honore eiusdem dedicata est atque vndecimo Kalendis Ianuarii ibidem solemniter excolitur dies .

Carta Foreste de Drum extra Parcum concessa a Rege Roberto I. Wilhelmo de Irwin. ¹—(A.D. 1323.)

Robertus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue salutem Sciatis nos dedisse . . . et . . . confirmasse Willelmo de Irwin dilecto et fideli nostro totam forestam nostram del Droum extra parcum nostrum exceptis terris per nos datis Alexandro dicto Bernardo de eadem foresta Tenendam . . . dicto Willelmo et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate . . . Reddendo inde annuatim nobis et heredibus nostris dictus Willelmus et heredes sui ad sustentacionem parci nostri del Droum vnam celdram farine auene ad festum Sancti Andree Apostoli pro omni alio seruicio exactione consuetudine seu demanda seculari Concessimus etiam eidem vt ipse et heredes sui habeant teneant et possideant predictas terras suas in liberam forestam in perpetuum Quare firmiter prohibemus ne quis sine licencia dicti Willelmi vel heredum suorum speciali in dicta foresta secet aucupet aut venetur aut quomodolibet piscari presumat super nostram plenariam forisfacturam decem librarum In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi Testibus Bernardo abbate de Abirbrothock cancellario nostro Thoma Ranulphi comite Moraue et domino Vallis Anandie et Mannie nepote nostro Waltero seneschallo Scotie Jacobo domino de Duglas Alexandro Fraser camerario Scotie Daud de Berclai et Roberto de Lawedir militibus apud Berewicum super Twedam primo die Februarij anno regni nostri septimo decimo .

Rex Robertus I. concedit Forestam de Drom extra Parcum in libera baronia Willelmo de Irwyn. ¹—(A.D. 1324.)

Robertus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue salutem Sciatis nos dedisse . . . et . . . confirmasse Willelmo de Irwyn dilecto et fideli nostro totam forestam nostram del Drom extra parcum nostrum exceptis terris per nos datis Alexandro dicto Burnard de

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Drum.]

eadem foresta Tenendam . . . dicto Willelmo et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate in liberam baroniam . . . cum furca et fossa soc et sac thol et them et infangandtheff cum canis redditibus et cum aliis omnibus . . . iustis pertinencijs . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi testibus Bernardo abbate de Abbirbrothoc cancellario nostro Waltero senescallo Scocie Jacobo domino de Duglas Alexandro Fraser camerario Scocie et Alexandro de Seton militibus apud Kynros quarto die Octobris anno regni nostri decimo octauo .

Carta Parci de Drum Waltero Moigne in libera foresta.¹ —(A.D. 1359.)

Dauid Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus . . . salutem Sciatis quod licet ut in pleno parlamento nostro tento apud Sconam omnes donaciones quibuscunque personis per nos factas de quibuscunque terris redditibus vel possessionibus . . . reuocauimus nostre tamen voluntatis intencio non fuit nec est quin dilectus bachelerius noster Walterus Moigne Parcum de Drum cum pertinenciis infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardyn quem eidem per cartam nostram antea concessimus hereditarie habeat teneat et reuocatione predicta non obstante libere possideat in futurum Nos de nouo dedimus . . . et . . . confirmauimus eidem Waltero predictum Parcum de Drum cum duabus celdris farine pertinentibus ad predictum Parcum et cum aliis pertinenciis suis infra vicecomitatum supradictum Tenendum . . . eidem Waltero et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris in liberam forestam in feodo et hereditate . . . Reddendo nobis et heredibus nostris ipse Walterus et heredes sui pro dicto Parco dictis duabus celdris farine et aliis pertinentiis quibuscunque vnum denarium argenti apud dictum Parcum quolibet anno ad Festum Pentecostes si petatur pro omni alio seruicio . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi / Testibus venerabili in Christo patre Patricio episcopo Brechinensi cancellario nostro / Roberto senescallo Scocie comite de Stratheryne nepote nostro / Willelmo comite de Douglas / Roberto de Erskyn / et Johanne de Prestoun militibus / Apud Edinburgh xxvij^o die Maij anno regni nostri tricesimo .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Drum.]

Endenture anent the selling of the Park of the Droum.¹ —(A.D. 1388.)

This endenture made at Abirden the last day of the moneth of Marche / the yher of our Lord m. ccc. iiii^{xx} and viij. betuixt Alexander of Irwyne lord of the Droum on a part and John Moigne lord of the Park of the Droum on the tothir part / saies / this covenant and contract was made in forme at eftre folowis that is to say that the forsaid John Moigne has giffin and grawntit to the forsaid Alexander all his land of the Park of the Droum befor said with the pertencances of it / in fee and in heritage frely and for euirmare with the annuale of a chaldre of mele / the whilk the forsaid Alexander was wont to pay / to the forsaid John to the vp-halding of the forsaid Park / And the forsaid John sall haff and browk the franc tenement of the land of the forsaid Park / for all the terme of his lyfe / And eftre the decesse of the forsaid John / the forsaid land with all annuales and othir pertencances thairto falland / sall cum again heritably to the forsaid Alexander and his ayres / And that atour / Alexander forsaid sall have as now for euirmare the chaldre of meele forsaid / And in the mene tyme all the courtis of that land befor said sall be haldin thruch thaim bathe and the amerciements and the profites of thir courtes cummand sall evynly halffe be to the forsaid Alexander / and the tothir half to the forsaid John Also gif the forsaid Alexander makis or biggis in the forsaid land milnes alehowses smythies or ony othir profites / of that sall be half to the forsaid Alexander / and the tothir half to the forsaid John in evyn porcioun / The keping of the wode sall be thair batheis / and the forsaid Alexander sall hafe euirmare the sete of a forestar frely in Badarach / the whilk forestar sall frely haff of land to the sawing of sex ferlotis of bere and five bollis of ates . And the forsaid wode sall neuir be giffin na sald of nethir of the partes bot with thair batheis assent / bot gif it be to thair awyn behafe and to the mey of that land / and be sicht of thair batheis forestaris . Also the forsaid John hecht faithably to deliuer to the forsaid Alexander / al the euidentes and chartres old or new the whilk the forsaid John or his fadre havis or had of the forsaid land . And to mak of new to the forsaid Alex-

¹ [From the original in the charter room at Drum]

ander whatkin euident chartre or resignacoun plaine in the Kyngis hand / whairthruich the forsaid Alexander and his ayres nicht be maste sikir / And at all this covenant beforspokyn suld lelely be kepit / bath Alexander and John beforsaid bodely made athes on the Haly Ewangelies / in the parochie kyrc of Abirden / in presence of John Fraser lord of Forglen Alexander Banirman Thomas Spring Laurence of the Crag and John Scherer burgess of Abirden / In witness of thir thingis to the part of this endenture remaynand to the forsaid Alexander / the seele of the forsaid John is to put / And to the part remaynand to the forsaid John / the seele of the forsaid Alexander is to put / the place the day the moneth / the yher beforsaid .

Carta Alexandri de Irwyne de terris de Parco de Drum.¹ —(A.D. 1389.)

Robertus Dei gracia Rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laycis Salutem . Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse fideli nostro Alexandro de Irwyne omnes et singulas terras de Parco de Drum una cum annuis redditibus pertinentibus ad eundem Parcum infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardyn qui fuerunt Johannis Moigne et quos ipse Johannes non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapsus sed sua mera et spontanea voluntate nobis per fustum et baculum et per literas suas resignacionis nobis super hoc patenter directas apud Monasterium de Kylwynnyn die confectionis presencium sursum reddidit pureque et simpliciter resignavit . Ac totum jus et clameum que in dictis terris et annuis redditibus cum pertinentiis habuit vel habere potuit pro se et heredibus suis quietum clamavit omnino imperpetuum . Tenendas et habendas eidem Alexandro et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate cum omnibus et singulis annuis redditibus supradictis et aliis justis pertinentiis quibuscunque Adeo libere et quiete plenarie integre et honorifice in omnibus et per omnia sicut dictus Johannes dictas terras et annuos redditus cum pertinentiis aliquo tempore liberius juste tenuit seu possedit ante resignacionem hujusmodi nobis factam . Faciendo inde nobis et heredibus

¹ [From a transcript in the General Register House, collated with the original in the Culter charter chest, and with the Registrum Magni Sigilli, p. 174.]

nostris dictus Alexander et heredes sui seruicia inde debita et consueta . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre nostrum precepimus apponi sigillum . Testibus venerabilibus in Christo patribus Waltero et Matheo Sancti Andree et Glasguensis ecclesiarum episcopis Johanne primogenito nostro de Carric senescallo Scocie Roberto de Fyf et de Menteth filio nostro dilecto Archibaldo de Douglas consanguineo nostro comitibus Jacobo de Douglas de Dalketh fratre nostro dilecto Thoma de Erskyne consanguineo nostro militibus et Johanne Gray custode magni sigilli nostri . Apud Kylvynnyne vicesimo tercio die Septembris anno regni nostri nono decimo .

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pertinentiis liberius quocius plenius integrius et honorificencius juste tenuit seu possedit ante resignacionem huiusmodi nobis factam . Faciendo inde nobis et heredibus nostris dictus Alexander et heredes sui seruicia inde debita et consueta . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre nostrum precepimus apponi sigillum . Testibus venerabilibus in Christo patribus Waltero et Matheo Sanctiandree et Glasguensis episcopis Johanne primogenito nostro de Carric senescallo Scocie / Roberto de Fyf et de Menteith filio nostro dilecto Archibaldo de Douglas consanguineo nostro comitibus Jacobo de Douglas de Dalketh fratre nostro Thoma de Erskyne consanguineo nostro militibus et Johanne Gray clerico nostro rotulorum et registri custode magni sigilli nostri Apud Kylwynnyne vicesimo tercio die Septembris anno regni nostri nonodecimo .

Instrumentum sasine Alexandri de Irvyn.¹ —(A.D. 1457.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo septimo mensis vero Nouembris die decimo quarto . . . coram honorabili viro Alexandro Douglas deputato vicecomitis de Abirden meique notarij publici et testium infrascriptorum presencia personaliter constitutus nobilis vir Alexander Irvyn nepos quondam Alexandri de Irvyn de Drum militis quoddam breue de sasina terrarum de Drum cum pertinentiis . . . exhibuit et presentauit huiusmodi sub tenore . JACOBUS DEI gracia Rex Scottorum vicecomitibus et balliuis suis de Abirdene salutem Quia per inquisitionem de mandato nostro per vos factam et ad capellam nostram retornatam compertum est quod quondam Alexander de Irvyn de Drum miles auus Alexandri de Irvyn latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasi- tus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem nostram de terris Foreste de Drum cum pertinentiis et de terris de Lunmey cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra balliam vestram et quod dictus Alexander est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam aui sui de dictis terris cum pertinentiis et quod est legitime etatis et quod de nobis tenentur in capite Vobis precipimus . . . quatenus dicto Alexandro uel suo certo attornato latori presencium

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sasinam dictarum terrarum cum pertinenciis juste haberi faciatis . . . capiendo securitatem de duobus denariis argenti per duplicationem albe firme de dictis terris nobis debite . . . Teste meipso apud Abirdene vj. die mensis Nouembris anno regni nostri vicesimo primo . **QUOQUIDEM BREUI** ostenso et per dictum dominum deputatum in toto publice perlecto dictus Alexander de Irvyn sasinam . . . dictarum terrarum . . . ei dari petiit . . . Quiquidem vicecomitis deputatus . . . sasinam . . . dictarum terrarum de Drum cum pertinenciis eidem Alexandro . . . realiter tradidit . . . ipsumque Alexandrum in quadam domo dictarum terrarum includendo et cetera omnia alia faciendo que ad huiusmodi sasinam . . . pertinere dinoscuntur Super quibus omnibus . . . dictus Alexander de Irvyn a me notario publico infrascripto ei fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum . Acta erant hec super solum dictarum terrarum hora duodecima in meridie uel eocirca . . . presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris Domino Johanne de Kyndelech vicario de Dulmaok Nicholaio de Irvyn Johanne de Irvyn Alexandro Turyn Thoma Steuart Alexandro Bewmont et Thoma Bysate maro de feodo cum diuersis aliis testibus . . .

Et ego Thomas de Leis presbyter Abirdonensis diocesis publicus auctoritate imperiali notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

Remissio Regis Alexandro Irwin de Drum ejusque sociis.¹ —(A.D. 1487.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus . . . salutem Sciatis quia ex nostra gratia speciali remisimus Alexandro Irwin de Drum Jacobo Lindsay Gilberto Ross Willelmo Cristisoun Johanni Glass Johanni Cragmyle et Alexandro Irwin filio Alexandri Irwin de Straithde latoribus presentium rancorem animi nostri sectam regiam et omnem actionem quem et quas erga ipsos seu eorum aliquem concepimus . . . videlicet dictis Alexandro Irwin de Drum Jacobo Lindsay Gilberto Ross Willelmo Cristisoun Johanni Glass et Johanni Cragmyle pro morte quondam Alexandri Fresare et Georgii Tailzour facta super precogitata feloniam apud Pontem de Balgony et pro arte et parte eiusdem interfectionis et pro receptatione et assistentia cum diuersis personis existentibus ad nostrum

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Drum.]

cornu et pro supportatione earundem personarum . Et dictis Alexandro Irwin de Drum et Alexandro Irwin filio Alexandri Irwin de Straithde pro crudeli dismembratione et mutilatione in suo loco de Drum Domini Edwardi Makdowell capellani et pro omnibus aliis actionibus per pre-scriptas personas aut earum aliquam usque in diem confectionis presentium commissis . . . proditoria traditione murthuro raptu mulierum et communi furto exceptis dummodo parentibus et amicis dictorum quondam Alexandri [Edwardi] et Georgii et aliis partibus conquerentibus tales emendam et satisfactionem faciant quod nullam super hoc de cetero justam querimoniam audiamus Et supradictas personas sub firma pace et protectione nostra juste suscipientes firmiter inhibemus ne quis eis aut earum alicui occasione interfectionis predictae aut aliarum transgressionum predictarum malum molestiam iniuriam seu grauamen aliquod inferre presumat injuste super nostram plenariam forisfacturam aut mortem eis vel eorum alicui inferat sub pena amissionis vite et membrorum . In cuius rei testimonium has litteras nostras remissionis pro toto tempore vite dictarum personarum duraturas sub nostro magno sigillo sibi fieri fecimus patentes . Apud Edinburgh decimo nono die mensis Julii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo septimo et regni nostri vicesimo septimo .

De contractu matrimoniali inter filium Alexandri Irwyn de Drum et filiam Alexandri Gordone de Megmar.¹ —(A.D. 1487.)

Die undecimo mensis Augusti anno Domini j^m. cccc. lxxxvij. . . . infra burgum de Abirdene in terra anteriore quondam Alexandri Hay Alexander Iruyn de Drum ex una et Alexander Gordone de Megmar partibus ex altera se fide media obligarunt per ostensionem manuum suarum dextrarum ad subeundum . . . decreto in alto et in basso honorabilium virorum Gilberti Keth de Inuerugy militis Alexandri Iruyn de Lunmey Alexandri Burnat de Leis Magistri Thome Strachin rectoris de Fethirneir Duncani Dauisone de Auchinhamparis Willelmi Cuminge de Inuerrelloghe Laurentii Cultis et Willelmi Abirdour amicabilium compositorum

¹ [Abridged from the Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen, vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

. . . inter ipsos electorum ad finalem conclusionem . . . cuiusdam contractus matrimonialis inter filium et heredem apparentem prefati Alexandri Iruyn de Lunmey et filiam legitimam ipsius Alexandri Gordone in facie ecclesie solempniter ut decet . . . solempnizandi Attamen dictus Alexander Gordon non consensit nisi dicti amicabiles compositores in una voce decernerent et deliberarent . Testibus Domino Johanne Hay vicario de Echt Gilberto Ross Henrico Horner . . . Super quibus Dominus Gilbertus Ketht petiit instrumenta .

Concessio Alexandri Irvyne de Drum Alexandro Burnat de Leys.¹ —
(A.D. 1490.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Alexander Irvyne de Drum . . . salutem Noueritis me cum . . . consensu . . . Alexandri Irvine de Lunmey filij mei carissimi et heredis apparentis . . . dedisse . . . et hac presenti mea carta confirmasse honorabili viro Alexandro Burnat de Leys liberam communem pasturam ad sexdecem boues et vaccas et triginta duas oues de omnibus et singulis terris meis tam in siluis quam extra de le Park et Balydarache cum suis pertinentiis exceptis terris Aratie jacentibus in dominio meo de Drum infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardyn pro importatione aque ad molendinum meum Newhall vocatum per me nouiter constructum a Layneo inter terras nostras jacente per quod molendinum ipsius Alexandri super terram propriam constructum penitus destruitur et anullatur Tenendam . . . pasturam communem antedictam . . . de me et heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum ad supportacionem et sustentationem tenendrium suorum inhabitatorum et mansurorum ad molendinum suum apud le Hed de Gedpott construendum . . . cum . . . suis pertinentiis quibuscunque . . . cum libero introitu et exitu ad eandem cum animalibus prenomatis ac suis custodibus totiens quotiens opus fuerit ad libitum dicti Alexandri Burnett heredum suorum assignatorum et tenendrium . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . mihi heredibus meis aut assignatis vnum denarium vsualis monete Scotie ad Festum Pentecostes super solum dictarum terrarum nomine albefirme si petatur tantum . . . Et si contingat me . . . heredes meos aut assig-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Drum.]

natos . . . contra dictam meam donationem . . . [venire] tunc obligo me heredes meos et meos assignatos . . . ad . . . persoluendum prefato Alexandro Burnett suis heredibus aut assignatis summam quadraginta librarum vsualis monete Scotie infra quadraginta dies postquam notorium fuerit de impedimento ad huiusmodi pasturam . . . dantem ad causandum aquam prenotatam cursum liberum et passagium iterum ad dictum antiquum molendinum ipsius Alexandri Burnat redundare et habere nostris expensis ita vt ipse Alexander molendinum suum in primo loco vetere allocare poterit . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum est appensum apud Drum sexto die Augusti anno Domini millesimo quadragentesimo nonagesimo coram testibus Vilhelmo comite Mariscalli et domino Keyth Roberto Raitt Joanne Skeyn Vilhelmo Fraser de Durris et Alexandro Irvin .

The prouisioun maid be Alexander Iruyne of Drum for the bairnis gottin betuix him and vmquhile Nannys Menyeis. ¹—(A.D. 1493.)

Xxvij^o die Augusti, anno Domini m^o cccc. lxxxiiij. . The saide day comperit ane richt noble and honorable mane Alexander Iruyne of Drvm in presence of the court / for carnale affection and reasonable causis concerning him / gaff grantit and assignit be ane gluff to Dauid Iruyne his son gottin betuix him and vmquhile Nannys Menyeis / quhom God assolye / ale and hale his gudis beand within the landis of Coule / that is to say / xx^{ti}. oxin and five chalder of malt fermes yerlie / togidder with assignation of the tak for all the dais of the said Dauidis lyve / and thre hundreth wederis beand within the Fortrie in Buchan / to sustene him at the scolis / as in the instrumentis takin tharapon mair fullely is contenit / befor thir witnes Alexander Burnat of Leis Alexander Burnat his sone and apperynge ayr Thomas Prat Androw Murray elder Thomas Mar William Blinsele Johne Skene Richard Rutherford Mathow Branche Thomas Menyeis Lawrence of Craymonde Gilbert Ross Johne Robertsonsone in Taruas Philp Dumbrek and Schir Johne Striveling .

¹ [From the Council Register of the City of Aberdeen.]

The samyn day Alexander Iruyne of Drvm assignit gaf and gravntit for resonable causis concerning him til Alexander Iruyne his sone gottin betuix him and vmquhile Nannys Menyeis ale and haile his gudis beand in Kinharroquhe / that is to say / the corne / xxxiiij. oxin / and thre hundreth yowis / togidder with the assignation of the said tak for the termes of the said Alexanderis of Drvm / be ane gluff / to sustene him at the scolis / as in the instrumentis takin tharapone mair fullie is contenit / befor the said witnes and notar .

The said day Alexander Iruyn of Drvm / for carnale affection and resonable causis concerning him / gaff grantit and assignit be ane gluff to Johne Iruyn his sone gottin betuix him and vmquhile Nannys Menyeis ale and hale his gudis corne oxin and viij^{xx}. youis within the Cragtounne / togidder with the assignation of the said tak for his termes / as in the instrumentis takin tharapon mair fullely is contenit / befor the said witnes and notar .

The saide day Alexander Iruyn of Drum / for diuerse resonabile causis concerning him / gaf gravntit and assignit till Agnes Iruyn his dochter gottin betuix him and vmquhile Nannis Menyeis ale and haile his gudis corne oxin and viij^{xx}. youis being in Dalmayok togidder with xxiiij. ky and ane bull in Collangy / to opbring hir and mary her / befor the saide witnes and notar .

Inquisitio Alexandri Irwin de Drum. ¹—(A.D. 1494.)

Hec inquisicio facta fuit in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia vicecomitis de Abirdene tenta per honorabiles viros Alexandrum Menzes et Robertum Blindsele vicecomites de Abirdene in hac parte per supremum dominum nostrum Regem . . . specialiter deputatos octaua die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo quarto per subscriptos videlicet Malcolmum Forbes de Tulquhone Patricium Berclay de Garnetuly Willielmum Oudny de eodem Alexandrum Cummynde Culter Alexan-

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drum Chamour de Murthill Johannem Chene de Straloch Johannem Allirdas de eodem Alexandrum Rede de Petfothellis Andream Fraser de Stanywod Thomam Gordoune de Kennerty Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Johannem Turing de Foverin Alexandrum Tulidef de eodem Walterum Craufurd de Fethera Walterum Berclay de Tolly Alexandrum Mowat de Loscragy et Walterum Wod de Bonynton Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Alexander Irwin de Drum pater Alexandri Irwin latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de . . . terris dominij de Drum cum Foresta eiusdem cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene et de terris de Coule cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in baronia de Oneile infra dictum vicecomitatum de Abirdene necnon et de terris de Largeny cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Alexander est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam Alexandri patris sui de . . . dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre dominij de Drum et Foresta cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum decem libras vsualis monete regni Scocie et tantum valuerunt tempore pacis Et tenentur in capite de domino nostro Rege in alba firma Reddendo inde annuatim vnum denarium si petatur nomine albe firme Et quod dicte terre de Coule cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum decem libras et tantum valuerunt tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de domino nostro Rege in feodifirma Reddendo annuatim decem libras . . . et vnam martam siue quindecim solidos pro valore eiusdem nomine feodifirme tantum pro omni alio seruicio seculari etc. Et quod dicte terre de Largeny cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum decem libras et valuerunt tempore pacis quinque libras Et tenentur in capite de domino nostro Rege in warda et releuio et faciendo inde annuatim tres sectas ad tres curias capitales vicecomitis de Abirdene tantum pro omni alio seruicio etc. Et quod omnes et singule dicte terre cum pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus dicti domini nostri Regis legitime per seipsum a tempore obitus dicti quondam Alexandri possessoris vltimi earundem qui obiit in mense Decembris vltimo elapsi in defectu veri heredis jus suum minime prosequentis . Datum et clausum sub sigillo dicti Roberti vnus vicecomitum supradictorum et sigillis quorundam qui huic inquisitioni intererant faciende anno die mense et loco suprascriptis .

Discharge of William Frasar of Philorth and his kinsmen to Alexander Irwyn of Drum.¹—(A.D. 1496.)

Be it kende till all mene be thir present lettres us Williame Frasar of Philortht Jouhne Fraser James Frasar of Manysie James Frasar the bailye Williame Frasar of the Kirktone and utheris our kynnismen and frendis to haue resaut be the handis of Alexander Iruyn of Drum the some of ane hundretht markis usuale money of Scotland for the assithtment . . . ande parte off . . . recompensation callit kynbutt for the of-fences and violence committit ande done be the said Alexander Iruyn and his complicis one umquhile Schire Alexander Frasar of Philortht knight and Alexander Frasar his sone ande air fader to me the said William tile us and utheris our kyne and frendis at the Brig of Polgony Of the quhilkis ane hundretht markis in pairt of payment of the said offence we hald ws weill content and . . . dischargis . . the saidis Alexander Iruyn his kyne frendis and complicis for ws our kyne frendis and complicis now and for euere In witnessing of the quhilkis I the said William for me and my said kynnismene our kyne and frendis hes affixit my sele togidder witht subscription of myn hand to thir lettres at Abirdene the xxiii day of August the yer of God j^m. four hundretht nynti and sex yeris .

Willyam Fressar.

Confirmatio Regia Alexandro Irwin de Drum militi.²—(A.D. 1506.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxvi. Februarii j^m. ccccc. vi . Rex confirmavit Alexandro Irwin de Drum militi et heredibus suis terras de le Park de Drum cum parco silvis et molendino earundem et duabus celdris farine ad dictum Parcum spectantibus infra vicecomitatum de Kincardin necnon terras de Lunmey Largneis Auchindore Fulzemont et Terlane cum molendinis de Largneis Auchindore et Terlane infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas dictus Alexander personaliter resignavit Ac in liberam forestam

[Abridged from the original in the charter room at Drum.]

[From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xlv., no. 312. MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

univit et incorporavit et easdem annexavit ad baroniam de Drum . Reddendo annuatim Regi duas sectas ad duo placita capitalia curie vicecomitatus de Abirdene necnon wardam et relevium cum contigerint .

Inquisitio Andree Woud.¹—(A.D. 1510.)

Inquisitio facta apud burgum de Abirdene nono die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo coram nobili magnifico et potenti Domino Willelmo comite de Erroll domino le Hay ac constabulario Scocie et Alexandro Bannerman de Wattertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Aberdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedentibus per subscriptos videlicet nobilem dominum Johannem dominum Forbes Alexandrum Irvin de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillortht Gilbertum Hay de Ardenderaugh milites Georgium Meldrum de Fyvy Johannem Forbes de Petslego Patricium Berclay de Garntuly Georgium Gordone de Abiryeldy Willelmum Forbes de Towys Willelmum Craufurd de Federay Walterum Berclay de Towy Willelmum Lesly de Balquhane Thomam Fraser de Stanywod Patricium Stewart de Latheris et Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyuer Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Johannes Woud de Fynnerce auus Andree Woud latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de vno annuo redditu duarum marcarum vsualis monete Scocie de terris de Curtans cum pertinenciis jacentibus in baronia de Drum infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Andreas est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam Johannis aui sui de dicto annuo redditu cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et valor dicti annui redditus patet in se Et quod tenetur in capite de Domino de Drum in alba firma et nunc existit in manibus dicti Domini de Drum per spatium duodecim annorum aut eocirca in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis .

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

Band of manrent Robert Irwynne of Belteis to Drum.¹ —(A.D. 1520.)

Be it kend till all men be thir presentis me Roberte Irwynne sone and are to umquhile Alexander Irwyne of Belteis to be bondin and oblissit and . . . withoute fraud or guyle bindis . . . me and myne aris male lawchfully gottin and to be gottin of my body for all the dais of myne and tharis livis succedand fra are male to are male perpetualie in the straitaste forme and stile of obligation speculative to ane noble man my mastir Alexander Irwyne of Drum knycht his aris quhatsumevir and assignais succedand to the heritag of Drum or beand lardis of the samyn . that I and my saidis aris . . . perpetually sall stand . . . afald daly man men servand and servandis to him and his saidis aris I and myne aris sall witht myne and thairis men and servandis dependaris on me and thaim and that I and thay may purchess be way of frendschip or allys rid gang and serwe him and his aris forsaidis in defence of his and thairis personne and personis . . . myne and aris malis allegiance to ouris Souerane Lord the Kingis Grace alanerlie except and this becauss of the landis of Quhite Rigin and Red Myre gevin to me in heritage eftir forme of chartir maid thareuppoun . In fath and witnes herof I haue appensit my sele to this my band of manrent and obligation subscrivit witht my hand at Drum the twenty day of Auguste the yere of God ane thousand five hundrethe and twenty befor witnes James Stewarte of Riland Alexander Irwyne of Forglen Alexander Burnet of Leis Alexander Burnet his sonne and apperand are Richard Irwyne Maistres Adame Stewarte and Johne Merchale notare publike witht otheris diuerss.

Band of manrent Alexander Fressar of Ouchterdurris to Drum.¹ —(A.D. 1527.)

Be it kend till all men be thir present lettres ws Alexander Fressar of Ouchterdurris sone and apperand air to William Fressar of Durris for

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Drum.]

me my brethyr kyne and frendis to be bundin and straitlie oblist . . . ilkane of ws lelely and trewlye . . . in faithfull manrent and trew service to ane rycht honorable man Alexander Irwyn of Drum knycht and to Alexander Irwyn of Forglyn his sone and apperand air and to the langast leiffar of thame twa for all the space of our lifymes and ilkane of ouris becauss of ther bandis of mantenans maid to ws in dew forme contenand certane plessouris proffitis and yeirly pentionis maid to ws for the samyn And sal gife thame our awfald trew and best counsail . . . In vitnes heiroy becauss I hed na propir seil of my awin I haif procurit witht instans the seil of my fadyr William Fressar of Durris to be affixit to this my band of manrent witht our subscriptionis manualis at Drum the twenti twa day of Julii the yer of God ane thousand fyf hundretht and tuenti sevin yeris befor thyr vetnes Valtyr Ogilvy of the Boyne Alexander Fressar of Felortht Johne Strathahyn and Schir Johne Davidson notar publict witht oderyss diuerss.

Alex^r. Fressar witht my hand at the pen.

Instrumentum sasine Alexandro Irvin tradite.¹ —(A.D. 1528.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo septimo mensis vero Februarii die duodecimo . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum preencia personaliter constitutus honestus vir Thomas Ross actornatus honorabilis viri Alexandri Irwin de Drum . . . in manibus suis tenens quoddam breue siue preceptum sasine capelle supremi domini nostri Regis ac preceptum honorabilis viri Alexandri Ogilby de eodem vicecomitis principalis de Aberdene eiusque sigillo roboratum discreto viro Johanni Bissat maro regio eiusdem vicecomitatus . . . cuiusquidem tenor precepti Regis . . . est talis JACOBUS DEI GRATIA Rex Scotorum vicecomiti et balliuis suis de Aberdene salutem . Quia per inquisitionem de mandato nostro per vos factam et ad capellam nostram retornatam compertum est quod quondam Alexander Irvin de Drum miles pater Alexandri Irvin latoris presentium obiit ultimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem nostram de . . . terris subscriptis cum pertinentiis videlicet de terris de

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Culter charter chest.]

le Park de Drum cum parco siluis et molendino eiusdem cum duabus celdris farrine ad dictum Parcum pertinentibus et de terris de Lunmay et Terlane et molendinis earundem cum suis pertinentiis jacentibus in baronia de Drum . . . necnon de . . . terris de Coul cum molendino earundem jacentibus in baronia de Oneil . . . et quod dictus Alexander est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam Alexandri militis patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinentiis et quod est legitime etatis et quod de nobis tenentur in capite Vobis precipimus . . . quatinus dicto Alexandro vel suo certo actornato . . . sasinam . . . predictarum terrarum cum molendinis earundem et suis pertinentiis juste haberi faciat . . . Saluo jure cuiuslibet Capiendo securitatem de quadraginta libris de firmis predictarum terrarum de le Park de Drum cum le *park wod* et molendino eiusdem et terris de Lunmay Terlane et molendinis earundem et suis pertinentiis existentibus in manibus nostris termini Sancti Martini ultimi preteriti sasina non recuperata et de octoginta libris de releuo earundem ac de quinque libris et dimedietate unius marce aut valore eiusdem videlicet septem solidis sex denariis de firmis dictarum terrarum de Coul cum pertinentiis existentium in manibus nostris dicti termini Sancti Martini ratione qua supra et viginti libris et duabus marcis aut valore earundem videlicet triginta solidis pro duplicatione feodifirme earundem terrarum de Coul nobis debite . Et hoc nullo modo omittatis Presentibus post proximum terminum minime valituris Teste meipso apud Edinburgh decimo quinto die mensis Januarii anno regni nostri decimo quinto . POST CUIUSQUIDEM precepti . . . lecturam dictus Johannes Bissat marus . . . accessit ad dictas terras de Coule cum molendino et pertinentiis eiusdem . . . et . . . prefato Thome actornato prefati Alexandri . . . dedit . . . sasinam . . . dictum Thomam actornatum . . . in principali domo dictarum terrarum ut moris est in talibus includens et in signum dicte sasine dictus marus elegit sibi bouem nigrum le *gord* cornibus albis Super quibus omnibus . . . prefatus Thomas actornatus . . . sibi fieri petiit . . . instrumenta . . . Acta erant apud Tullilar hora undecima ante meridiem vel eocirca . . . presentibus ibidem Jacobo Ross Andrea Carvour . . . cum diuersis aliis testibus . . .

Et ego Johannes Daudsone presbiter Brechinensis diocesis auctoritate apostolica notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

The Kings bill to Drum.¹ —(A.D. 1587.)

Rex . We be the tennour heirof grantis ws to hawe resaut fra our weil belouit Alexander Irwing of Drum in borowing the soume of fyve hundredrethe merkis the quhilk sowme foirsaid we be thir presentis byndis ws to thankfullie content and pay to him agan betuix the dait herof and Witsonday nixt cumis . In witnes quhairof we hewe subscriuit this present witht our hand at Dalkeith the xxvii. day of Nowember in anno j^m. v^c. four scoir sewin yeris.

James R.

Licence to Drum and his cumpany to eat flesh at forbidden times.¹ —
(A.D. 1622.)

Our Lordis of Secret Counsall gevis and grantis licence to Alexander Irwing of Drum his wyiff and sic as sall be in cumpanie with thame at tabill to eit and feid wpoun fleshes in the forbiddin tyme of Lentroun and siclyk wpoun Wednesdayis Frydayes and Seterdayes for the space of ane yeir nixt efter the dait heirof without paine cryme skaithe or daunger to be incurrit be thame in thair personis guidis or geir thairthrow notwithstanding quhatsumeuir actis statutis or proclamationis maid in the contrair Quhairanend and all painis contenit thairintill the saidis Lordis dispensis simpliciter be thir presentis Gevin at Edinburghe the nyneteine day of Februar the yeir of God j^m. vj^c. twentie twa yeiris.

Al. Cancell ^r .	Mar Th ^r .
Melros.	Morton.
Lauderdail.	Kilsayth.

Caution for Drum.² —(A.D. 1635.)

Apud Edinburgum 30 Januarij 1635 . The quhilk day in presence of

¹ [From the original in the charter room at Drum.]

² [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

the Lordis of Secret Counsell compeired personallie Sir Thomas Thomsone of Dudingstoun knicht and become actit and obleist as cautioner and sovertie for Sir Alexander Irwing of Drum knicht in maner and to the effect vnderwritten That is to say Forsameikle as there hes beene diverse good Acts of Parliament made be our late Soverane Lord of famous memorie with advyse of his Estates of Parliament anent the suppressing of the disorders and troubles quhilks frequentlie fell out in the Hielands Borders and others pairts of this kingdome and for setting of peace and qwietnes within the same videlicet Ane Act made in the Parliament haldin at Edinburgh in the moneth of December 1567 cap. 21. Ane Act made in the Parliament haldin at Linlithgow in the moneth of December 1585 cap. 16. Ane Act made in the Parliament haldin at Edinburgh in the moneth of July 1587 cap. 93 and 94. Ane Act made in the Parliament haldin at Edinburgh in the moneth of Junij 1594 cap. 227. Thairfore the said principall and cautioner in humble and dewtifull obedience to his Majesties auctorite and lawis of this kingdome hes bund and oblist thame and thair aires that the said Sir Alexander Irwing of Drum knicht sall observe keepe and fulfill the saids Acts of Parliament made aganis landislords and chiftans of clanis in the haill heids and articles thairof and to this effect that he sall make al suche personis / for whome he is obleist to answer be the lawis of this kingdome / obedient to law and justice and sall exhibit thame to thair tryell as he sall be requyred and sall satisfie and redresse pairties skaithed and that he sall fulfill all the other heids and articles of the saids Acts of Parliament made aganis landislordis and chiftanis of clanis conforme to the said Acts of Parliament in everie poynt and vnder the panes conteaned thairin Lykeas the said Sir Alexander Irwing of Drum compeirand personallie befor the saids Lords band and obleist him and his aires to warrand releiv and skaithles keepe his said cautioner of his becoming caution for him in the premissis and of all paine and danger that he and his forsaidis may incurr tharthrow for ever.

Alex. Irwin.

Thomas Thomsone.

Petition to the King.¹ —(*circa* A.D. 1661.)

To the Kings Most Excellent Majestie

The humble Petition of Sir Alexander Irwin Laird of Drum

Sheweth

That your petitioner and his family have not onely endured the generall calamities of the late times but also have felt a storme of peculiar misery to fall heavily vpon them above many others and that meerly for their constant loyalty to your Majestie For besides the long imprisonment of his father and of himselfe and the loss of his brother in prison and the sentence of death past against himself the execution whereof was stopt by the Marquiss of Montrose who immediatly after the victory at Kilsyth procured his releasment his lands were the first of Scotland that were spoiled and wasted his father was twice fyned in foure thousand pounds sterling his house of Drum foure times garisoned and at length totally plundered his wife and children turned out of dores and the revenue of his land detained from him for the space of five yeares by one of the name of Forbes whereby your petitioners family which before was in a plentiful and prosperous condition is now become very low and in daunger of sinking.

May it therefore please your Majestie of your innate goodness and bounty to take your petitioners sufferings and losses into your princely consideration and not permit his family to perish for fidelity to your Majestie but rather graciously assigne him some reparation out of the estates of those who have received his fines and detained his rents or by any other way your Majestie in your royall wisdom shall think fitting,

And your petitioner as in duty bound shall ever pray etc.

Alexander Irwin.

¹ [From the original in the charter room at Drum.]

Signature in favour of Alexander Irving of Drum.¹ —(A.D. 1684.)

At Edinburgh the eight day of February j^m. vj. and fourscore four years his Majesties letter underwritten direct to William marques of Queensberry lord high treasurer John Drummond of Lundin lord treasurer depute and the remanent Lordis of his Majesties Exchequer wes presented and read and ordained to be booked whereof the tenor followeth . *Sic suprascribitur* . Charles R. Right trusty and right wele beloved cousines and counsellouris right trusty and wele beloved cousins and counsellouris right trusty and wele beloved counsellouris and trusty and welebeloved wee greet you wele Whereas in a signature (of the date of these presents) signed by us in favours of Alexander Irwing of Drum wee were graciously pleased in consideration of the eminent loyalty and good services of the family of Drum for several ages to change the holding of such of the lands as formerly held ward from simple ward to taxward wee have also thought fitt hereby to authorize and requyre yow to pass the said signature in the ordinary form and method in such caises accustomed and in further consideration of the sufferings of severall of that familie wpon the account of their adherence to the true interests of the Crowne to fill up the tax duties in the blanks that are left in the said signature for that effect according to the old retoured duties of those his ward lands notwithstanding of any order or instructions formerly given by us to the contrare. For doing whereof this shall be your warrant and so wee bid yow heartily farewele. Given at our court at Windsor Castle the third day of August j^m. vi^c. and fourscore three years and of our reigne the therty fyfth year. By his Majesties command . *Sic subscribitur* .

Murray.

Extractum de Libris Scaccarij per me

Geo. M^cKinzie cler. reg^r.

¹ [From the original in the charter room at Drum.]

THE PARISH OF SKENE.¹

Carta Regis Roberti. ² —(A.D. 1317.)

Robertus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . Omnibus [*etc.*] Sciatis nos dedisse [*etc.*] Roberto Skene dilecto et fideli nostro pro homagio et seruicio suo / omnes et singulas terras nostras del Skene et lacum eiusdem cum pertinentiis infra vicecomitatum del Aberdene . Tenendas [*etc.*] de nobis et heredibus nostris in vnam integram et liberam baroniam in feodo [*etc.*] Faciendo [*etc.*] quolibet anno imperpetuum communem sectam curie ad placita nostra vicecomitatus del Aberdene et in exercitu nostro Scoticanum seruicium [*etc.*] / In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi . Testibus Bernardo abbate del Aberbrothoc cancellario nostro . Thoma Ranulphi comite Moraue et domino Vallis Anandie et Mannie nepote nostro . Waltero senescallo Scocie . Jacobo domino Douglas . Alexandro Fraser . David Berclay et Roberto de Lawider / militibus . Apud Sconam primo die Junij anno regni nostri duodecimo .

Carta pro Jacobo Skene. ³ —(A.D. 1434.)

James be the grace of God King of Scottis to the custumaris of oure

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 279-285.]

Between the years 1247 and 1257, Alan Durward, justiciary of Scotland, granted to Peter, bishop of Aberdeen, an annual rent of twenty two shillings sterling from his lands of Schene, in exchange for the second tithes of Onele.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., pp. 17, 57.) By a charter dated at the Castle of Kintore, on the twelfth day of December. 1539, the Earl Marischal granted to Mr. Alexander Galloway, rector of Kinkell, a croft next the church of Skene, on which to erect a manse for the vicar of the church.—(Id., vol. i., p. 416.) Two chantries were founded at the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the cathedral of St. Machar at Aberdeen, by Sir Robert Keyth, out of the lands of Kyntor and Skeinen.—(Id., vol. ii., p. 109.)]

² [From a facsimile engraved by Richard Cooper in 1747.]

[From the Rott. Scaccarii Regum Scotorum, no. 182, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

An entry in the account of the Customars of Aberdeen, for the year 1433-34, engrossed in the same roll, explains the grant: "Et Jacobo Skene pro firmis tercie partis terre de Corntone spec-

gret custome of Abredene greting We charge yhu and commandez that yhe content and pay yherly to James of Skene of that Ilk ten markkis of vsuale mone of oure realme at twa termis of the yhere proporcionaly quhil yhe have contremandment of vs the first term begynnand at the Fest of Saynt Martin last passit/taking his lettres of ressayt to schaw to vs and to be allowit to yhu yherly in your comptis . thire presentis enduring for our will Gevin vnder our signet at Edynburch the xxj. dai of Februar the yhere of our reigne xxj.

Concessio Regia Gilberto Skene de eodem ejusque sponse. ¹ —(A.D. 1481.)

*Carta Gilberto Skene de eodem et Cristine Mersare sponse sue in conjuncta infeodatione et post eorum decessum legitimis et propinqui-
bus heredibus dicti Gilberti quibuscunque de terris de Adloche et Tuli-
vale cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene super re-
signatione dicti Gilberti . Tenendis de Rege . Reddendo jura et servitia
debita et consueta . Testibus Wilelmo archiepiscopo Sanctiandree Johanne
episcopo Glasguensi Wilelmo episcopo Moraviensi secreti sigilli custode
Andrea domino Avandale cancellario Colino comite de Ergile domino
Campbell et Lorne magistro hospitii Johanne domino Carlile Archibaldo
Quhitelaw archidiacono Laudonie secretario Alexandro Inglis decano
Dunkeldensi clerico rotulorum et registri . Apud Edinburgum xxiii. die
Maii j^m. cccc. lxxxi.*

Instrumentum sasine Alexandri Skene. ² —(A.D. 1485.)

*In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno ab incarna-
tione Domini millesimo cccc^{mo}. octuagesimo quinto mensis uero Marci die
xxix^o. . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia*

*tantis vxori eiusdem de duobus terminis huius computi . vj. libre . xij. solidi . liij. denarii et
eidem ex causa xij. solidi de mandato Regis ut patet per literas suas de precepto ostensas super
computum et registratas in dorso huius rotuli."*

¹ [From the *Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli*, lib. v., no. 11. MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Skene.]

personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Alexander Skene filius et heres quondam Gilberti Skene de eodem quoddam breue sasine de capella domini nostri Regis . . . nobili uiro Alexandro Irwyn de Drum ac deputato vicecomitis de Abirden pro executione eiusdem . . . presentauit quo . . . in lingua materna exposito dictus Alexander Skene petiit sasinam . . . terrarum baronie de Skene sibi dari et deliberari . . . unde dictus vicecomitis deputatus . . . cum testibus fidedignis ad principale messuagium dicte baronie de Skene accessit et ibidem dicto Alexandro Skene sasinam . . . dictarum terrarum baronie de Skene cum suis pertinentiis . . . realiter deliberauit . . . Super quibus omnibus . . . dictus Alexander Skene a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum . . . Acta erant hec loco quo supra hora nona aut eacirca ante merediem . . . presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris Johanne Forbes de Echt Jacobo de Abirdour Alexandro Irwyne Thoma Martine et Johanne Finlausoun cum diuersis aliis testibus . . .

Et ego Robertus Leis presbiter Abirdonensis diocesae publicus imperiali et regali auctoritatibus notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

De relictis Alexandri Skene de eodem.¹ —(A.D. 1508.)

Inquisitio facta apud burgum de Abirdene tercio die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octauo coram nobili ac potenti domino Johanne comite Craufurdie domino Lindesay etc. in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Irwyne de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillorth Gilbertum Hay de Ardenderaugh milites Willelmum Lesly de Balquhane Jacobum Cheyne de Straloch Walterum Berclay de Towy Thomam Fraser de Stanywod Willelmum Turing de Foverne Patricium Steuart de Latheris Alexandrum Caldour de Sonnaherd Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Johannem Forbes de Tuligovny et Duncanum Strathachin de Glenkindy . Qui iurati dicunt quod Agnes Forbes relictis Alexandri Skene de eodem tenetur habere rationabilem terciam omnium terrarum baronie de Skene exceptis duabus partibus terrarum de Lattir que attigit habere suam terciam in solari parte huiusmodi terrarum .

[Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

Service on Skene.¹ —(A.D. 1686.)

March 19, 1686 . Special service of Alexander Skene as nearest heir of his father John Skene of Skene in . . . the lands and barony of Skene with the Loch thereof manor place . . . and pertinents . . . lying in the shire of Aberdeen all united . . . and incorporated into a whole and free barony . . . to be called the barony of Skene according to the tenor of a charter by Charles II. in favor of the said John Skene of Skene and the heirs male of his body whom failing to his heirs male whomsoever whom failing to his heirs and assignees whomsoever heritably and irredeemably dated 18 February 1678 . . . which whole lands and barony of Skene with the . . . pertinents thereof lying as above are held in chief of King James and his successors in fee heritage and taxed ward perpetually for service of ward and relief for yearly payment . . . of the sum of two hundred and twenty merks Scots at two terms of the year . . . also the sum of two hundred and twenty merks Scots for relief of said lands . . . with the sum of four hundred and forty merks Scots for the marriage of an heir or heirs . . . in which charter of said lands and barony of Skene with the pertinents also the lands of Belliestown and salmon fishings thereof on the water of Don and pertinents thereof lying in the parish of Dyce and shire foresaid formerly belonging to the said John Skene of Skene and then to Alexander Skene of Dyce were comprehended and they were all taxed to the sum of two hundred and fifty merks Scots for ward and non entry and to the sum of two hundred and fifty merks for the marriage of an heir or heirs . . .

Transumptum carte Regis Roberti Alexandro Fraser militi.² —(A.D. 1436.)

In nomine Domini Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo sexto mensis vero Nouembris die vicesima sexta . . . coram reuerendo in Christo patre . . . Henrico . . .

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Gordon Castle.]

episcopo Abirdonensi me notario publico et testibus infrascriptis personaliter constituta nobilis et potens domina Elyzabeth sponsa nobilis domini et potentis Alexandri de Cetoun domini de Gordoun quandam cartam in pergameno scriptam sigilloque ut apparuit serenissimi principis Domini Roberti Scotorum Regis illustris in cера alba impendente sigillatam . . . mihi notario publico tradidit . . . ut eam . . . in formam publicam per modum transumpti . . . redigerem supplicando . . . cuiusquidem carte tenor de verbo ad verbum sequitur et est talis ROBERTUS DEI gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue salutem Sciatis nos dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse Allexandro Fraser militi dilecto et fideli nostro in augmentum baronie sue de Clony quam alias sibi hereditarie donauimus terras nostras de Cardenys nunc existentes in manu nostra unacum tenandria terre Allexandri Burnarde quam habet infra dictas terras de Cardenys et cum piscaria Lacus de Skene ad dictas terras de Cardenys pertinente . Tenendas . . . sibi et heredibus suis dicte baronie de Clony de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate . . . in augmentum baronie predictę et tanquam eedem baronie annexas . . . cum omnibus . . . iustis pertinentiis suis per omnes libertates per quas idem Alexander dictam baroniam de Clony de nobis tenet . . . per seruitia debita et consueta de dicta baronia . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi testibus Bernardo abbate de Abirbrothoc cancellario nostro Waltero senescallo Scotie Jacobo domino de Douglas Gilberto de Haya constabulario Scotie et Nicholao filio suo militibus apud Cardross xviii. die Junii anno regni nostri vicesimo . . . SUPER QUIBUS OMNIBUS . . . prefata Domina a me notario publico infrascripto sibi fieri petiit publicum instrumentum seu transsumptum . Acta erant hec in oratorio prefati reuerendi patris infra mansionem suam in ciuitate sua Abredonensi hora quasi octaua post meridiem . . . presentibus venerabilibus et circumspectis viris Dominis et Magistris Thoma Tynynghame archidiacono Duncano de Lychtoun cancellario Abirdonensi Andrea Glaster et Waltero Thorntoun scutiferis testibus . . . et in . . . testimonium premissorum sigillum prefati reuerendi patris huic transumpto est appensum .

Et ego Walterus de Lownane canonicus Dunkeldensis publicus auctoritate apostolica notarius [*etc in forma communi.*]

De impignoratione terrarum de Ester Skene. ¹ —(A.D. 1446.)

Vniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quorum noticias presentes literę peruenerint Henricus Hervoy cantor ecclesie Abirdonensis ac commissarius reuerendi in Christo patris Domini Ingerami Dei gracia episcopi Abirdonensis salutem in Domino Cum pium sit et meritorium ac juri consonum fidele testimonium perhibere ueritati et presertim in causis in iudicio examinatis fideliter et discussis quarum quidem causarum occultatio preiudicium innocenti potest generare hinc est quod nos pro tribunali sedentes in ecclesia cathedrali Abirdonensi vicesimo secundo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo sexto ad instanciam et requisicionem nobilis viri Jacobi de Skene de eodem examinauimus discretos viros Johannem Petkerne Willelmum de Sanctomichaele et Willelmum Norivele per nos ad hoc legitime citatos ad perhibendum testimonium fidele in quantum audierunt viderunt et scierunt de quibusdam euidentiis factis quondam magnifico et potenti domino Domino Willelmo de Kethe marescallo Scocie super terris de Esterskene cum pertinenciis per Adam de Skene dominum eiusdem patrem predicti Jacobi de Skene quorum quidem deposiciones medio suo iuramento tactis Sacrosanctis Dei Ewangeliis fideliter factas scribere fecimus quorum tenor sequitur in hec uerba . JOHANNES Petkarne primus testis in dicta causa iuratus et diligenter examinatus dicit et in suo iuramento deponit quod ipse legit quandam euidentiam in pargameno scriptam super impignoratione seu fornalynt terrarum de Esterskene factam quondam predicto Domino Willelmo de Keth marescallo Scocie per Adam de Skene antedictum sigillo eiusdem Ade et sigillo Episcopi tunc Abirdonensis sigillatam requisitus de summa pro qua dicte terre fuerant impignorate seu fornalyt dicit in suo sacramento quod pro duabus seu tribus centum

¹ [From the original in the charter chest at Skene.

On the twelfth day of May, 1438, Egidia of Murray, lady of Culbin, in her widowhood, with consent of Alan of Kynuarde her son and heir, granted to Alexander Skene, son and heir of James Skene of that ilk, on account of the marriage to be contracted between him and Mariot of Kinarde her daughter, the lands of Dulpoty, Estirtoun, and mill of Dulpoty, in the barony of Culbin and sheriffdom of Forres, in security of the sum of £200 Scots. (Original, *ibid.*)]

marcis monete Scocie ut recolit requisitus de loco dicit quod in media domo porte anterioris castri de Donnotyr requisitus de anno dicit quod sunt decim vndecim anni vel eocirca elapsi requisitus de cuius mandato legit ipse dictam euidenciam aut quomodo vidit dicit quod Domina Mariota tunc Domina de Keth fecit ipsum videre et perlegere plures euidencias inter quas ipse deponens dicit se vidisse et perlegisse dictam euidenciam factam per dictum Adam predicto Domino Marescallo insuper requisitus vtrum parte uel preiudicio odio uel amore ista deponit dicit quod non set tantum propter literas excommunicacionis et denunciacionis que alias emanarunt a reuerendis in Xpo patribus Dominis Episcopis Sanctiandree et Aberdonensi contra omnes personas dictas euidencias detinentes seu conselantes et dicto Jacobo non reuelantes requisitus qui fuerunt presentes tempore lecture dicte euidencie dicit quod Dominus Thomas Leuystoun capellanus Georgius de . . . an cum diuersis aliis / WILLELMUS de Sanctomichaele secundus testis in dicta causa iuratus et diligenter examinatus dicit quod presens fuit vidit et audiuit quando Johannes de Petkarne indagando et requirendo certas euidencias Domini de Keith et de mandato ipsius Domini videlicet Roberti de Keth inuenit inter certas euidencias vnam cartam seu euidenciam factam Domino Wilhelmo de Keth suprascripto per Adam de Skene de eodem super terris de Estirskene sigillatam duobus sigillis vno rotundo dicti Ade et alio oblongo Episcopi tunc Abirdenensis ut aparuit et ipse deponens quesuiit ab ipso Johanne cuius fuit illa euidencia et ipse Johannes dixit quod fuit euidencia facta per Adam de Skene antedictum super fornalyne trium centum iiij. marcarum de terris de Esterskene antedictis facta ut supra requisitus de anno dicit quod fuit tempore quo lis uertebatur seu uerti sperabatur inter Dominos de Keth et de Gordoun super terris que fuerunt quondam Domine Mergrete Fraser sponse olim Domini Wilhelmi de Keth antedicti et credit quod sunt septem anni jam elapsi requisitus de loco dicit quod fuit in capella de Donnotyr requisitus qui fuerunt presentes dicit quod ipsi duo tantum requisitus vtrum parte uel preiudicio odio uel amore ista deponit dicit quod non set propter sue anime salutem ad euitandum excommunicacionem quam audiuit latam et promulgatam contra omnes detinentes occupantes seu conselantes dictas euidencias et non reuelantes ut supra et vltorius dicit quod ipse declarauit Domino Roberto de Keth ultime defuncto in Festo Sancti Columbe apud Strathachyn

quum ibidem fuerunt in venacione quod ipse voluit reuelare dictas evidencias quia noluit sustinere nec subire tam execrabilem excommunicationem quam audiuit factam contra conselantes dictas evidencias et vltorius dixit quod ipse Dominus Robertus respondit quid ad ipsum cum pater suus auus et proauus sui habuerunt illas terras // VILLELMUS Norvele tercius testis in dicta causa citatus et iuratus etc. dicit quod presens fuit vidit et audiuit in domo habitacionis Domini Villelmi de Keth marescalli Scocie infra burgum de Abirdene ante bellum de Harlaw quando Dominus Johannes Steward de Inuermey et David Berklee de Mernys insteterunt et requisierunt prefatum Dominum Willelmum de Keth marescallum Scocie ut ipse fundare vellet duas capellanas pro animabus ipsius Domini Willelmi et Domine Margrate sponse sue tunc presentis qui Dominus Marescallus ad ipsorum instanciam annuit et consenciit ut pro eiis assignaret viginti mercas de terris de Estirskyne cum pertinenciis duobus capellanis in perpetuum celebraturis infra ecclesiam cathedralem Abirdonensem et tunc prefata Domina Mergreta respondebat alta et intelligibili voce quod nunquam ad hoc suum perhiberet consensum quod dicte capellanie fundarentur de terris de Estirskene antedictis quia palam asseruit ipsos nullum jus in uel ad dictas terras de Estirskene habere et tunc predictus Dominus Marescallus quodammodo iratus dixit quod nunquam fundaret vnam capellaniam pro animabus ipsorum et demum idem Dominus Marescallus dictorum Domini Johannis Steward et David Berklee reducit in consilio et ad eorum consilium assignauit vnam annuam pensionem siue annum redditum viginti mercarum duobus capellanis pro perpetuo celebraturis in ecclesia cathedrali Abirdonensi et de terris de Estirskyne ut prefetur cum warandizatione terrarum de Kyntor ipsis terris de Estirskyne deficientibus et ad hoc dicta Domina Mergrata cilicet ad illam clausulam de waranto consensiit et alias non ut palam asseruit requisitus qui erant presentes dicit quod predicta Domina Mergreta Dominus Johannes Steward et David Berklee et ad statim dictus Dominus Marescallus vocare fecit Dominum Johannem Yoill presbiterum et Thomam Spryng burgensem de Abirdene qui quidem Thomas Spryng de mandato dicti Domini de Keth legit palam inter alias euilencias illam evidenciam factam per Adam Skyne super terris de Estirskyne antedictis cum pertinenciis continentem quod erant fornalit dicte terre de Estirskyne pro trecentis mercis que quidem

euidencia sigillata erat duobus sigillis vno rotundo antedicti Ade et altero oblongo Episcopi tunc Abirdonensis ut aparuit requisitus vtruin parte uel preiudicio odio uel amore ista deponit dicit quod non set propter sue anime salutem ad euitandum excommunicacionem quam audiuit latam et promulgatam campanis pulsatis candelis accensis et extinctis et ad terram proiectis alias emanatam a reuerendis in Xpo patribus Dominis Episcopis Sanctiandree et Abirdonensi contra omnes personas dictam euidenciam detinentes seu conselantes et dicto Jacobo non reuelantes .

Et ego Laurencius Dunecan presbiter Abirdonensis diocesis magister in artibus publicus auctoritate Imperiali notarius ac scriba curie in hac causa testium prescriptorum recepcione et eorum deposicionum in scriptis redactione omnibusque alijs et singulis dum sic ut premittitur agerentur et fierent in domo capitulari Abirdonensi vna cum testibus subscriptis presens personaliter interfui eaque sic fieri vidi et audiui et in notam recepi Ideo huic presenti scripto seu publico instrumento ad dicti Jacobi Skyne instanciam subscripsi signoque et nomine meis solitis et consuetis signaui vna cum appensione sigilli prefati domini Commissarii rogatus et requisitus in fidem et testimonium omnium premissorum sub anno die mense et loco prenotatis indictione nona et pontificatus sanctissimi in Xpo patris et domini nostrj Dominj Eugenij diuina prouidencia pape quarti anno xvj^o presentibus in testium examinacione et note recepcione Ranaldo Chene de Crechee Johanne Burnet de Leyis David Scrymgeour Andrea Buchane de Achmacuy et Thoma Beset testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis .

Laurencius Dunecan .

De impigeneratione terrarum de Estir Skyne.¹—(A.D. 1456.)

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis . . . Laurentius Duncani vicarius ecclesie parochialis de Longley ac commissarius venerabilis viri Magistri

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Skene.]

Walteri Ydill officialis Abirdonensis salutem . . . Cum pium sit et meritorium ac juri consonum testimonium fidele perhibere ueritati et presertim in causis in iudicio examinatis . . . quarum quidem causarum occultatio prejudicium potest innocenti generare hinc est quod nos pro tribunali sedentes in ecclesia parochiali de Kincardin nono die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo sexto hora decima ante meridiem uel eocirca ad instantiam honorabilis viri Alexandri Skyne filii et heredis apparentis Jacobi de Skyne de eodem et procuratoris eiusdem . . . examinauimus discretum virum Johannem Yoill per nos ad hoc legitime citatum ad perhibendum testimonium fidele in quantum audiuit uidit et sciuit super certis articulis et interrogatoriis uel inscriptis presentatis et exhibitis Qui quidem Johannes magno interueniente juramento super dictis articulis et interrogatoriis per nos requisitus et interrogatus respondit ad singula sub modo et forma subscriptis Johannes Yoill testis citatus juratus et diligenter examinatus productus per Jacobum Skyne ad deponendum . . . quid scit de terris de Estir Skyne cum pertinentiis dicit in suo juramento quod per octo dies ante obitum Domini Johannis Yoill vicarii quondam de Petirculter Domina de Keth quondam mater nobilis Domini Willelmi de Keth nunc mariscalli Scotie accessit ad predictum Dominum Johannem Yoill apud Culter in lecto egritudinis tunc laborantem et inquisiuit a dicto Domino Johanne de terris de Estir Skyne Ledach Kyrktoun de Skyne Milboy Garlogy cum molendino eiusdem utrum dominus suus Dominus Willelmus de Keth mariscallus habuit verum jus ad huiusmodi terras de Estir Skyne uel non quia sepius ut ipsa asseruit ipsa audiuit Jacobum de Skyne de eodem . . . reclamantem predictas terras de Estir Skyne cum pertinentiis sibi jure hereditario de baronia de Skyne spectare et tunc dictus Dominus Johannes Yoill respondit . . . ut ipse coram summo iudice vellet respondere quod Dominus Willelmus de Keth mariscallus Scotie habuit predictas terras de Skyne in formalyn factum per Adam de Skyne pro tribus centum marcis ut plenius continetur in quadam littera desuper confecta et ulterius dicit in suo sacramento quod bene scit quod dictus Dominus Mariscallus non habuit aliud jus per dictum Adam ad predictas terras de Skyne et tunc ipsa Domina dixit . . . quod dominus suus Mariscallus Scotie habuit huiusmodi litteras de formalyn de terris de Skyne antedictis factas per dictum Adam de Skyne et nichil

aliud per dictum Adam factum Interrogatus qui fuerunt tunc presentes dixit quod dicta Domina de Keth et Dominus Johannes Yoill cum ipso deponente Interrogatus quomodo accidebat quod non erant plures dixit in suo juramento quod dicta Domina fecit expellere et remouere diuersos alios de camera et retinuit ad seruandum hostium camere predictum deponentem asserendo ipsum fore natium hominem domino suo Mariscallo antedicto Interrogatus utrum iste deponit parte uel preiudicio odio uel amore dixit quod non . . . Super premissis omnibus idem Alexander procuratorio nomine a me notario publico sibi fieri petiit publicum instrumentum Acta erant hec in ecclesia de Kincardin . . . presentibus ibidem venerabilibus viris Magistris Willelmo de Coultis vicario de Tarlane Alexandro Yrwin de Stradee de Strathachyn et Kennocht de Cragmyle cum diuersis aliis in huiusmodi testis examinatione .

Et ego Laurentius Duncani presbiter Abirdonensis dioceseos magister in artibus publicus auctoritate Imperiali notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

Declaratio Cancellarij de voluntate Regis et exhortatio Jacobo Skene vt cessaret a leuatione firmarum de Leddache *etc.* vsque in quartum diem Parliamenti . et protestatio dicti Jacobj. ¹ —(A.D. 1457.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo septimo mensis vero Nouembris die septimo . . . Coram serenissimo principe . . . Jacobo Scotorum Rege illustrissimo . necnon reuerendo in Xpo patre ac domino . . . Georgio . . . episcopo Brechinensi eiusdem domini nostri Regis regni cancellario . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presencia personaliter constitutus Jacobus de Skene de eodem . prefatus dominus Cancellarius nomine et ex parte prelibati domini nostri Regis vt asseruit declarauit dicto Jacobo de Skene quod voluntas Regis fuit et exhortabatur fauorabiliter eidem Jacobo quod ipse supersederet et non leuaret firmas terrarum de Kirktoun de Skene . de Ledach de Mulboy de Garlogy et molendino eiusdem cum pertinenciis de termino Beati Martini

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Skene.]

tunc proximi . set cessaret ab omni leuacione firmarum dictarum terrarum usque ad quartum diem Parlamenti Regis apud Edinburgh in mense Marcii proximo futuro inchoandi vnde dictus Jacobus de Skene voluntati Regis in hoc annuens et consensiens solempniter fuerat protestatus quod per huiusmodi supersedementum et dilatorium lenacionis firmarum dictarum suarum terrarum ad dictum tempus medio tempore aut in antea quantum ad possessionem uel proprietatem dictarum terrarum cum pertinentiis nullum sibi aut heredibus suis in preiudicium vertatur aut generetur . De et super quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus Jacobus de Skene a me notario publico infrascripto sibi fieri petiit publicum instrumentum seu publica instrumenta . Acta fuerunt hec in camera anteriore et occidentaliori hospicii Johannis de Fiffe infra burgum de Abirdene . . . presentibus ibidem nobilibus dominis Domino Patricio domino Glamis Jacobo de Levyngstoun de Kalentare magistro hospicii Regis ac magno camerario Scocie Roberto domino Flemynge . Willelmo de Morauia de Tulybardin et multis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis .

Et ego Johannes Cadiou clericus Abirdonensis diocesis publicus Imperiali auctoritate notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

Protestatio Jacobi Skene de eodem. ¹ —(A.D. 1458.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno a natiuitate eiusdem millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo septimo mensis vero Marcij die vicesima . . . In reuerendorum venerabilium et honorabilium virorum Georgii episcopi Brechenensis cancellarii Scocie Thome episcopi Dunkeldensis Archibaldi Thome monasteriorum Sancte Crucis de Edinburghe et de Newbotil abbatum Patricii domini Lyoun de Glamis Johannis domini Lyndesay de Byris Willelmi domini Borthwiic Dominorum Robertj de Levingstoun de Drumny Alexandri de Hwme de eodem Robertj Crichtoune de Sanchar militum Roberti domini Lyle Thome de Cranstoune de eodem Willelmi de Cranstoune de Swynhope Alexandrj Naper de Merchanstoune Robertj Mersare prepositi burghi de Perth et Johannis Borthwiic de Crukistoune pro tribunali seden-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Skene.]

tium meique notarij publici ac testium subscriptorum presencia honorabilis vir Alexander Skene filius et procurator Jacobj Skene de eodem per literas procuratorias predicti Jacobi patris suj sufficienter constitutus quas coram supradictis Dominis perlegi fecit/post quarumquidem lecturam licencia supradictorum Dominorum petita et obtenta quamdam protestationem dicti Jacobi patris suj idem Alexander virtute sui procuratorij coram supradictis Dominis in quadam cedula papiria porrexit/et perlegi fecit/vigore cuius ex parte patris suj solempniter protestatus est prout in dicta cedula continetur sub hac forma in wlgarj/REUERENDIS nobile and worschippfull lordis of parliament I yhour seruiter Alexander of Skene procuratour to my fader Jamys of Skene of that ilke humbli protestis in my fader name that quhat euer be saide done reformyt / decretit or adiugit ony maner of way agayn Alexander of Douglas depute to the shira of Abirdene now befor yhour lordschippis that hes the force of parliament or in tyme to cum for the execucioune of hys office made to my fader apoun a briefe of rycht purchast be hym agayn Jonet of Keth for hir vnrychtwise deforsing hym of the landis of the Ledache of Skeyn the Kyrktoune of Skeyn Moylboy and Garlogy wyth the myln of that ilke with the pertinentis lyand in the barouny of Skeyne wythin the shiradome of Abirdene turne nocht my fader na his ayris to preiudice of the said landis and mylne wyth the pertinentis in tyme cuming for sa mekill as my fader hes be the saide briefe recouerit the said landis and mylne wyth the pertinentis fra the saide Jonet be decret and deliuerans of a gret assise of rycht / and dome giffin tharapoun and thareftir hes tane sesing of thaim quhilke assise procedit be vertu of the said briefe and be compromise made betuix my fader and the said Jonet and my Lorde of Keithe / chosin be thair averse of foure shiradomes to determin the saide cause but ony excepcioune dilatour or peremptour proponit / in the entrance / suppose the saide shirefe wald graunt he had done mys owthir for aw or lufe of the saide Lord or Jonet / considering that the saide Lorde and Jonet ar bundyn be lettir and seel and be thar bodely athis sworne on the Haly Ewangelis for till vnderly the finale determinacioune of the saide assise vnreuocabli for euermare / . SUPER quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus Alexander Skeyne sibi procuratorio nomine dicti Jacobi patris suj fierj petijt publicum instrumentum per me notarium subscriptum . Acta fuerunt hec in

camera pretorij burgi de Edinburghe hora quasi quarta post merediem . . . Presentibus ibidem Magistro Alexandro Castaris rectore de Keith Alexandro Douglas deputato vicecomitis de Abirdene Alexandro Grahame Lanceloto de Abirnethy David Rede et Thoma Lange notarijs publicis cum multis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis .

Et ego Robertus Michaelis de Hyrdmanstouna clericus Sancti-andree diocesis publicus auctoritate Imperiali notarius [*etc.*]

Hyrdmanstoun .

Jacobus Skene de eodem protestatur pro possessione terrarum de Ledauche *etc.* ¹ — (A.D. 1459.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat manifeste quod anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo nono . . . ac mensis Octobris die duodecima . . . In excellentissimi principis et domini nostri metuendissimj Jacobj secundi Scotorum Regis illustrissimj dominorum baronum prelatorum subscriptorum meique notarij publici et testium infrascriptorum presencia personaliter constitutus Alexander Skene filius Jacobj Skene de eodem et procurator eiusdem nomine ipsius publice in parlamento apud Perth dictis die mense et anno tento recitavit quod quanquam terre de Ledauche de Skene de Kirktone de Skene de Mulboy et de Garlogy cum molendino earundem cum pertinentiis jacentes in baronia de Skene infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene dicto Jacobo vt asseruit dictus Alexander jure hereditario spectant et pertinent quod dictus suppremus dominus noster Rex post recognitionem earundem terrarum ad instanciam Jonete de Kethe factam eandem recognitionem relaxavit et ipsas terras ad plegium dicte Jonete dimisit vt dixit dictus Alexander contra leges ac jura et statuta regnj et in ipsius Jacobj preiudicium dampnum et grauamen propter quod dictus Alexander nomine et ex parte dicti Jacobj patris humillime requisivit dictum suppremu dominu nostru Regem pro imposicione dicti Jacobj in sua possessione dictarum terrarum juxta jura consuetudines et antiquas

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Skene.]

leges regnj et protestatus fuit quod dimissio dictarum terrarum dicte Jonete de Kethe ad plegium aut penes dictas terras facta seu facienda non cedat sibj Jacobo in preiudicium in futurum penes jus suum terrarum predictarum quin liberum regressum habere possit et valeat ad terras supradictas Super quibus omnibus et singulis dictus Alexander nomine dicti patris sui a me notario publico infrascripto sibj fierj petijt presens publicum instrumentum Acta erant hec apud Perth in pretorio dicti burgi . . . Testibus reuerendis in Xpo patribus Georgeo episcopo Brechinensi cancellario Scocie Thoma episcopo Dunkeldensi Thoma episcopo Abir-donensi Willelmo episcopo Catenensi Niniano episcopo Candidecase Roberto episcopo Dunblanensi venerabilibus in Xpo patribus Ricardo abbate de Dunfermling Archibaldo abbate Sancte Crucis de Edinburghe Malcolmo abbate de Abirbrothok nobilibus et potentibus dominis Malisio comite de Mentethe Willelmo comite Merschel et Willelmo comite Eroll Jacobo domino Levingstone Patricio domino le Grahame et Andrea domino Avendale cum multis alijs testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis .

Et ego Thomas Broun clericus Sanctiandree diocesis publicus auctoritate Apostolica notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

Concessio Regia Roberto Keithe.¹ —(A.D. 1506.)

Apud Edinburghe . viii. Januarii, j^m. v^c. v. . Rex concessit Roberto Keithe filio et heredi apparenti Willelmi comitis Mariscalli et Elizabethæ Douglas alias Beatrici sponse dicti Roberti et eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus suis inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Willelmi quibuscunque terras de Laidacht et Mulboy infra parochiam de Skene ac terras de Auchinloiche Tortolle Auchryne Auchquhorsk Fornatht Warderis Drumnahacht Lauchtintule et Leylugis in baronia de Kintor infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene extendentes in integro ad centum mercatas terrarum quas dictus Willelmus comes Mariscalli personaliter resignavit .

¹ [From the *Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli*, lib. xiv., no. 256, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

Carta Willelmo Keytht ejusque sponse.¹ —(A.D. 1554.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Willelmus comes Mariscalli dominus de Keytht . . . Salutem . . . Noueritis nos . . . dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse . . . dilectis nostris Willelmo Keytht filio nostro primogenito et apparenti heredi et Elizabetht Hay alias Elspett Hay sue coniugi filie nobilis et potentis domini Georgii comitis Errolie constabularii regni Scotie secum in coniuncta infeodatione et eorum alteri diutius uiuenti et heredibus masculis inter ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus masculis legitimis et propinquioribus ipsius Willelmi quibuscunque . . . terras nostras de Auchquhyrtin Strathtry Mylboy villam ecclesiasticam de Skeyne cum crofto fabri et domo brasine eiusdem terras de Leyddacht cum croftis Pastoris Eduardi et Mylfurd croftis vocatis terras de Cardne Ord Montem de Kynmondy et terras de Wardres cum earundem . . . pertinentiis universis jacentes in baroniis nostris de Skeyne et Kyntor respectiue et infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene et hoc pro . . . perimptione cuiusdam clausule . . . contente in duobus diuersis contractibus initis et confectis inter nos ex una et dictum Comitem Errolie partibus ab altera uno quidem de data apud Abirdene decimo tertio die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo tertio altero vero de data apud Edinburgh decimo quinto die mensis Nouembris anno Domini etc. quinquagesimo primo ambobus etiam registratis in Libris Registri Dominorum Consilii In quibusquidem contractibus astricti . . . existimus . . . ad infeodandum memoratos Willelmum filium nostrum primogenitum et ipsam Elizabeth alias Elspett Hay secum in coniuncta infeodatione et heredes masculos . . . in terris nostris extendentibus ad . . . valorem annuatim ducentarum librarum monete Scotie . . . Tenendas . . . prefatas terras . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . supreme domine nostre Regine et suis successoribus . . . seruitium debitum et consuetum . . . tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum proprium unacum nostra

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

subcriptione manuali presentibus est appensum apud Dunnotir xiiii. die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo tertio coram hiis testibus Monano Hog Johanne Stewinsone Magistro Johanne Robertsonsone cum diuersis aliis .

Wylzam Erll Mershall .

Service on Easter Skene.¹ —(A.D. 1696.)

June 12, 1696 . Special Service of . . . Isobell Anna and Margaret Burnets as heiresses portioners of Sir Alexander Burnet of Craigmyll their father in . . . the lands and others underwritten of the barony of Easter Skein viz. the towns and lands of Kirkcoun of Skene and crofts thereof Millbuie Hill of Keir Rogershill and Garlogie with the meal mill and dye mill thereof with the mill lands . . . comprehending the multures of the lands of Fornett with their pertinents along with the Loch of Skene and fishing thereof adjacent and belonging to said lands also in the towns and lands of Auchronie and in . . . the three ploughs of the lands of Tartowie . . . with the liberty of the moss or glebe in the fourth plough thereof called Blackhill . . . and in . . . the town and lands of Liddach of Skene Blackhills Easter and Wester Kinmundies and Easter Carnie all within the parishes of Skene and Kinellar and shire of Aberdeen . . . along with the tithes and rectorial of all the foresaid lands . . . all . . . incorporated into one whole and free barony to be called the barony of Easter Skene according to charter under the great seal made and granted by Charles II. in favor of the said Sir Alexander Burnet of Craigmyll and his heirs and assignees whatsoever dated the 26 July 1678 And likewise in . . . the towns and lands of Craigour lands of Milltown Mill of Campbell mill lands multures sucken sequels and knaveships of the same with the . . . pertinents thereof lying in the parish of Kincardyn O'Neill and shire of Aberdeen Which foresaid lands and barony of Easter Skene . . . are held of the King and his successors in fee heritage and free barony for yearly payment of . . . the sum of twenty four pounds Scots for taxed wardship thereof as the proportional part . . . of six hundred

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

merks Scots of the foresaid taxed wardship due by the late William Earl Marischal and his successors for the . . . lordship and barony of Inverugie . . . the said barony of Easter Skene and different other lands and baronies . . . and the like sum . . . for taxed relief thereof as the proportional part of six hundred merks Scots . . . also the sum of two hundred and fifty merks Scots for the marriage of an heir or heirs . . . as the proportional part of the sum of four thousand merks . . . Which said lands of Craigour and lands of Milltoun Mill of Campbell . . . are held of Sir Thomas Burnet of Leys knight baronet in feufarm fee and heritage perpetually for yearly payment of the sum of ten pounds Scots .

THE PARISH OF BELHELVIE.¹

[In festo] Sancti Colmani episcopi et confessoris.²

Nouem Lectiones fiant sed differtur . omnia de communi vnus confessoris et pontificis . sed cum hac oracione .

Deus qui Beato Colmano pontifici tuo tantam contulisti gratiam / vt errorum sedentes in tenebris ad Christianam illustraret fidem / presta quesumus eius patrocinio nos ab omni viciorum errore liberari . Per Dominum nostrum .

Eodem die de Sancto Regulo abbate quando in Quadragesima de eo non fuerit seruicium . omnia sicut in alio festo . sed differtur in crastinum . Qui quidem Regulus in Sancto Andreu et per diocesim eiusdem honoratur . Et Colmanus habetur patronus apud Balheluy .

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 285-291.]

The church of Belhelvy, with its appurtenances, was confirmed to the See of Aberdeen by Pope Adrian IV. in the year 1157.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., pp. 5-7, 84 86.) It appears as one of the prebends of the cathedral of St. Machar at Aberdeen, in the year 1256.—(Id., vol. ii., pp. 40, 252.)]

² [From the Breuiarium Aberdouense, Prop. Sanctorum pro tempore estiuiali, fol. cxxviii.]

De matrimonio inter Georgium Hay et Margaretam Robertson contrahendo.¹—(A.D. 1528.)

Universis et singulis sancte matris ecclesie filijs ad quorum notitias presentes litere pervenerint . Gilbertus Strachquhan Aberdonensis et Moraviensis ecclesiarum canonicus Apostoliceque sedis prothonotarius executor seu commissarius ad infrascripta specialiter deputatus . Salutem in Domino sempiternam . Ex parte Georgii Hay laici Dunblanensis diocesis et Margarete Robertson mulieris Dunkeldensis diocesis nobis oblata petitio continebat quod ipsi ex certis causis rationabilibus animos eorum moventibus desideraverant immediate matrimonialiter copularj sed quia alter eorum tertio altera vero quarto consanguinitatis gradu immediate fuerunt conjuncti desiderium eorum in hac parte perimplere non possunt absque canonica desuper dispensatione . quare debita cum instantia per discretum virum Dominum Andream Mathe capellanum Dunblanensis diocesis dictj Georgij procuratorem et Jacobum Masson laicum Sancti Andree diocesis ipsius Margarete procuratorem de quorum procuratorum mandato nobis legitime constabat documento . humiliter favorem requisierunt quatenus ad executionem submissee commissionis et contentorum in eadem procedere . ac cum prefatis Georgio et Margareta dispensare . dignaremur . Nos igitur animarum illorum saluti consulere cupientes ac pijs desiderijs eorum annuentes . receptis primitus de mandato nostro nonnullis testibus fidedignis ad Sancta Dei Evangelia juratis . habitaque diligenti inquisitione super impedimenti predicti et aliorum requisitorum notitia . comperimus alterum dictorum Georgii et Margarete tertio alteram vero quarto consanguinitatis gradu immediate esse conjunctos . ipsam Margaretam ab aliquo raptam propterea minime extitisse ac eosdem ad huiusmodi dispensationis gratiam obtinendam alias habiles fore concepimus . Idcirco autoritate Apostolica et ipsius sacre primarie nobis dispensandi cum viginti una copulis super talibus impedimentis ut premittitur concessa . cum dicto Georgio Hay in persona dicti Domini Andree Mathei capellanj et Margareta Robertson in persona dicti Jacobi

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the charter room at Slaines]

Mason suorum procuratorum ad dispensationem huiusmodi habentium potestatem . ut dictus Georgius et Margareta matrimonium inter se contrahere et in eo postquam contractum fuerit libere et licite poterint et valeant remanere . autoritate Apostolica et ipsius sacre primarie nobis concessa . ac juxta tenorem submissee commissionis . dispensandum duximus prout tenore presentium cum eisdem Georgio et Margareta in Dei nomine dispensamus . non obstantibus impedimentis predictis . prolem inter eos suscipiendam legitimam decernentes . dummodo propter hoc dicta Margareta ab aliquo rapta non fuerit . bannis tamen et alijs solennitatibus in matrimonio fieri solitis legitime factis . LAURENCIUS miseracione divina episcopus Prenestensis dilecto in Christo Magistro Gilberto Strachane Aberdonensis et Moraviensis ecclesiarum canonico . Salutem in Domino . . . Sane oblata nobis nuper pro parte tua petitio continens quod plures Christi fideles in regno Scotie ad pacem et concordiam inter se suosque consanguineos et amicos componendam et observandam . cunctis inimicijs et dissentionibus que oriri possint obviandis . et etiam alijs causis interdum moti . cupiunt immediate matrimonialiter copulari sed consanguinitatis et affinitatis seu publice honestatis vinculis impediti ad sedem Apostolicam ob illius ab ijs notabilem distantiam pro dispensatione desuper obtinenda quomodo accedere seu ad eam recursum habere non possunt sepe evenit quod aut pacis desiderio suo huiusmodi frustrantur aut impedimentis huiusmodi non obstantibus immediate copulantur absque aliqua desuper dispensatione in non modicum animarum suarum periculum et scandalum plurimorum . Et si tibi dispensandi cum predictis copulis a sede Apostolica tribueretur facultas profecto paci et tranquillitati et animarum saluti earundem Christi fidelium non parum consuleretur . quare supplicari fecisti tibi et dictis Christi fidelibus super his per ipsius sedis clementiam de opportuno remedio mature provideri . Nos igitur qui pacis et tranquillitatis zelatores sumus animarumque saluti eorundem Christi fidelium consulere volentes autoritate domini nostri Pape cujus primarie curam gerimus et de ejus speciali et expresse mandato super hoc vive vocis oraculo nobis facto tibi qui etiam ut accepimus Apostolice sedis notarius existis . Magistro Johanni Dingwall preposito secularis et collegiate ecclesie Sancte Trinitatis prope opidum Edinburgi Sancti Andree diocesis et Cancellario

Aberdonensis ecclesiarum ad id per te deputandis hinc ad quinquennium a data presentium computandum . cum viginti et una copulis videlicet viginti uno viris et totidem mulieribus super impedimentis . . . consanguinitatis vel affinitatis . . . seu publice honestatis . . . ut impedimenti consanguinitatis affinitatis vel publice honestatis justitia non obstantibus viginti et unus viri et totidem mulieres hujusmodi matrimonium inter se si impedimenta hujusmodi ignorant aut ignorantes aut scientes ante contractum matrimonium hujusmodi se actu fornicario vel illicito carnaliter cognoverunt respective libere contrahere et in eo postquam contractum fuerit . . . remanere libere et licite possint et valeant . dummodo propter hoc dicte mulieres ab aliquo rapte non fuerint . autoritate Apostolica dispensari . prolem inter eos respective suscipiendam seu susceptam si qua sit legitimam decernendo . . . libere et licite possis et valeas . . . Datum Rome apud Sanctum Petrum sub sigillo officij primarie Idus Aprilis pontificatus Domini Clementis pape vij. anno quarto . . . IN QUORUM OMNIUM et singulorum fidem et testimonium premissorum has presentes literas sive hoc presens publicum nostrum instrumentum processum hujusmodi in ordine nostre dispensationis decimum sextum in se continens vel continentes fieri fecimus et per notarium publicum subscriptum subscribi et publicari mandavimus sigillique nostri jussimus et fecimus appensionem . Datum et actum infra civitatem Sancti Andree in ecclesia metropolitana ejusdem . xij. die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo octavo . . . pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris domini Clementis divina providentia pape septimi anno quinto hora quarta post meridiem aut eocirca . presentibus ibidem Magistro David Seton vicario de Creich . Thoma Straquhan . Jacobo Mason . Thoma Spitell testibus ad premissa vocatis et requisitis .

Gilbertus Straquhan commissarius in premissis manu propria subscripsit . et hec est . xvj. in ordine .

Et ego Johannes Guthre clericus civitatis Sancti Andree auctoritate Apostolica notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

*Inquisitio Daud de Bosvill.*¹ —(A.D. 1430.)

Inquisitio facta est apud Abirden coram Domino Andrea Senescalli milite et vicecomitis locumtenente de Abirden undecimo die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo decimo per personas subscriptas magno sacramento interueniente videlicet Johannem de Forbes Johannem de Ogiston Willelmum Fresell Walterum Dempster Thomam de Camera Simonem de Banerman Jacobum Cumyng Jacobum de Skene Walterum Berkelay Thomam de Allerdess Johannem Mowat Willelmum Ramessay Henricum de Leth Johannem Toryne Willemum Rede Johannem de Fyf et Willelmum Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Alexander de Jardyn auus Daud de Bosvill latoris presentium obiit ultimo vestitus . . . ut de feodo ad pacem . . . Regis de uno annuo redditu viginti librarum exeunte annuatim de terra thanagii de Balheluy infra vicecomitatum de Abirden Et quod dictus Daud est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam Alexandri aui sui . . . Et quod dictus annuus redditus tenetur de Domino nostro Rege in capite per homagium et seruicium . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigilla quorundam qui huic inquisitioni intererant sunt appensa . . .

*Inquisitio Alexandri Bosuele.*¹ —(A D. 1498.)

Hec inquisitio facta fuit in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia capitali vicecomitis de Abirdene tenta per honorabilem virum Alexandrum Bannerman de Wattertone vicecomitem deputatum eiusdem vicesimo quarto die

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.]

On the second day of June, 1498, the same Alexander Bosuele, styled of Glasmonth, through his attorney, John Abirnethy of Kynalti, received sasine of this annuity by virtue of the preceding inquisition, and of a precept from chancery following upon it.—(Original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.) On the twelfth day of February, 1505-6, he conveyed the annuity to William, bishop of Aberdeen, for the support of two priests, masters in arts and theology in the College of St. Mary in the University of Aberdeen, who were to be elected and instituted by the bishop and his successors. By his second foundation, the Bishop ordained these to be the fourth and fifth of the masters in theology founded by him, and to bear the title of the lands whence they draw their stipends.—(*Pastis Aberdonenses*, pp. 51, 58.)]

mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octauo per subscriptos videlicet Willelmum Frasser fratrem et curatorem Domini de Phillorth Malcolmum Forbes de Tulquhone Andream Fraser de Stanywode Alexandrum Burnat filium et heredem apparentem Alexandri Burnat de Leis Willelmum Crawford de Federay Alexandrum Skene de eodem Johannem Mowat de Loscragy Walterum Innes de Auldcaas Willelmum Oudny de eodem Andream Tulidef de eodem Alexandrum Jhonstone de eodem Willelmum Chamer de Balnacrage et Patricium Bisset de Lossindrum Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam David Boswele de Balmowto auus Alexandri Bosuele latoris presentium obiit ultimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo . . . ad pacem . . . Regis de uno annuo redditu viginti librarum usualis monete Scotie annuatim de terris de thanagio de Balheluy . . . jacente infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Alexander est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam David aui sui Et quod tenetur de suppremo domino nostro Rege per seruitium warde . . . Datum et clausum sub sigillo officii dicti vicecomitis deputati et sigillis quorundam eorum qui huic inquisitioni intererant .

Inquisitio Johannis domini Glammys.¹ —(A.D. 1505.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene penultimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Wattertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia vicecomitis eiusdem pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Iruyn de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillorth Gilbertum Hay de Ardenderaugh milites Willelmum Lesly de Balquhane Georgium Leith de Barnys Alexandrum Skene de eodem Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyver Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Alexandrum Caldour de Sonnahard Johannem Gardyne de Latheris Thomam Burnat de Balmad Alexandrum Wyntone de Andait Willelmum Johnston

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the same occasion, David Lyone, though not next in succession, was served nearest agnate to John, Lord Glammys, and certified as able to manage the estate of another person.—(Ibid.)]

filium et heredem apparentem Alexandri Johnstone de eodem Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour et Johannem Dawgarnow de Garneffintra Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Georgius dominus Glammys frater Johannis Lyone latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris baronie de Balheluy cum tenendrijs terrarum de Ardenderaugh et Collistoun eidem baronie annexis et libere tenentium seruiciis earundem Et de terris de Curteston in comitatu de Gareauche cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Johannes est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Georgei fratris sui de dictis terris cum tenendrijs et libere tenentium seruicijs earundem cum suis pertinenciis Et quod est legittime etatis Et quod dicte terre baronie de Balheluy cum tenendrijs suis cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum quinquaginta sex libras et valuerunt quadraginta tres libras tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Curtestoun cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum septem libras et valuerunt quinque libras tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre baronie de Balheluy cum suis pertinenciis tenentur in capite de suppremo domino nostro Rege in alba firma soluendo annuatim duos denarios argenti nomine albe firme Et quod dicte terre de Courtestoun cum pertinenciis tenentur in capite de dicto domino Rege soluendo annuatim vnum denarium argenti nomine albe firme Et quod dicte terre cum suis pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per spacium duorum mensium aut eocirca in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis . . .

Service on Meany¹—(A.D. 1678.)

November 6, 1678 . Special service of Alexander Kerr as nearest heir of his immediate elder brother Robert Kerr eldest lawful son of Robert Kerr of Meany in . . . the lands and barony of Meany comprehending

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

In the year 1435, King James I. granted precept to infest Richard of Vaus as heir retoured to William de Camera of Fyndoun, his grandfather, in the lands of Many.—(Mar papers.)

the dominical lands and the Mains of Meany with the manor place houses biggings *etc.* the mill of Meany with the mill lands . . . the lands of Leytown Coathill Cowhill and Alterseat with . . . the . . . pendicles . . . and also with . . . the manor places houses . . . and pertinents lying in the parish of Belhelvie and shire of Aberdeen . . . held in chief of Sir Robert Graham of Morphie knight baronet in free blench farm for yearly payment of one penny Scots at the Feast of Pentecost . . .

THE PARISH OF PETERCULTER.¹

Transumptum carte Alexandri Regis Roberto de Waluchop.² —(A.D. 1247.)

Alexander Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue salutem Sciant presentes et futuri nos dedisse et concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse Roberto de Waluchop filio Alani de Waluchop pro homagio et seruicio suo terram de Tulimatboythre per has diuisas videlicet de Blairmacogamgor versus terram Episcopi Sancti Andree de Glasculle et sic usque ad lacum de Benchoir et de eodem lacu usque ad Tuberusky et sic usque Starnamanach intrando et exeundo per viam de Starnamanach et per medium forestum nostrum usque Burn et illam piscariam de Burn quam bondi nostri habere solebant dum eadem terra fuit in manu nostra et sic ex alia parte de Starnamanach usque Pulnacoy et sic per unum siccum de Pulnacoy usque in riolum de Peferyn et sic ex aquilonali parte eiusdem rioli assendendo per unum siccum usque Kilnaclerauch et sic de Kilnaclerauch usque ad terram de Gormeg que est Alani Hostiarii . Preterea dedimus et concessimus et hac carta nostra confirmauimus eidem Roberto de Waluchop terras de Cultir et de Ardboik per has diuisas videlicet de Achmasoliche usque Fethnabraydach et de Fethnabraydach usque in riolum de Cardany et sic assendendo

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 291-300.]

² [From the transumpt in the Culter charter chest, collated with the office copy in the General Register House, Edinburgh, made on the fourteenth of August, 1628.]

usque ad Speluncas Wulpium versus terram Episcopi de Abirdene Tenendas et habendas eidem Roberto Waluchop et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate per diuisas predictas cum omnibus aliis justis pertinentiis suis in boscho et plano in terris et aquis in pratis et pascuis in moris et marresiis in stagnis et molendinis cum socco et sacca cum furca et fossa cum tholl et theme et infangandthef et cum omnibus aliis ad predictas terras juste pertinentibus libere quiete plenarie et honorifice Faciendo nobis et heredibus nostris tertiam partem seruicii unius militis et exercitum Scoticanum quantum pertinet ad predictas terras Testibus Alexandro Cummyng comite de Buchane Roberto de Ros Nicholaio de Sulis Roberto de Meniers Bernardo de Ripelley et Willelmo Olifard Apud Rukilburgh sexto decimo die Octobris anno regni Domini [Regis] Scotie tricesimo tercio .

Tenet hoc transumptum cum originali carta in presencia Dominorum Consilii pro tribunali sedentium producta lecta inspecta et diligenter examinata non cancellata suspecta aut vitiata collationatum et concordans cum eadem et de mandato dictorum Dominorum Consilii in hanc publicam transumpti formam propter vetustatem et fragilitatem originalis carte redactum et confectum edicto publico ut moris est rite et legitime primitus prehabito ut talis et tanta fides huic transumpto temporibus affuturis adhibeatur qualis adhibenda est prelibate carte originali per me Gavinum episcopum Abirdonensem clericum rotulorum et registri ac consilii supremi domini nostri Regis sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus .

Gawinus Dunbar .

Indenture of maintenance and manrent between Alexander Irwin of Drum and Alexander Cummyng son of William Cummyng of Culter.¹—
(A.D. 1478.)

This indentour maid at Drum the xix. day of August the yer of God a thousand four hundretht sevynty and aucht yeris . . . beris witnes in it self at it is . . . acordit betuix honorabill squiaris Alexander Irwin of

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Drum.]

Drum on that a part and Alexander Cummyrn son and aperand air to William Cummyrn of Culter on that other part in maner . . . as eftir folowis that is to say as forsamkill that William Cummyrn fader to the said Alexander Cummyrn schappis him of ewill emaginacion and fals suggestion to annale and desariss the said Alexander his son and aperand air of his auld heritage and new conquestis For the quhilkis the said Alexander Irwin as cheif to the said Alexander Cummyrn for the resistens and agane standing of the wikkit emaginacion and fals suggestion of the said William Cummyrn . . . bindis and oblissis him and his airis be the fatht of thar bodiis the Haly Ewangelis twichit to the said Alexander Cummyrn that thai sall . . . mantene and defende the said Alexander Cummyrn in his auld heritage and new conquestis lik as he wald defend his awyn heritage of the lordschip of Drum or ony other heritage per-tening to him within the realme of Scotland and to tak siclik pairt as the said Alexander Cummyrn takkis in the said mater efter his power and his airis to fortify him batht late and air in jugment and outwith as he suld defend his man and kynnisman For the quhilkis to be done the said Alexander Cummyrn sall pay and content to the said Alexander Irwin of Drum and his airis the sowme of ane hundreth merkis of usuall monee of Scotland and to be pait in maner as efter folowis that is to say fourty pund of the herast and the first payment of the said Alexander Cummyrn's mariage gud the quhilk mariage sall be completit God willand in all possibill hast and the fourty merkis reman- and sall be alowit in the said Alexander Cummyrn's fee and the said Alexander Cummyrn sall gif his letteris of manrent and retenew for all the dais of his lif in the best forme to the said Alexander of Irwin as for fee pait befor hande for all the dais of his lif . And mair atour it is . . . accordit betuix the saidis parteis but exception in tym to cum to be proponit that efter the decess of the said William Cummyrn and entree of the said Alexander in his landis of the barony of Tulyboy and Culter and tane stat and possession of thaim . . . that within fourty dais efter he be . . . requirit be the said Alexander of Irwin or his airis that he sall infest the said Alexander Irwin and his airis in the said landis of Tulyboy and Culter . . . And for the mair sikkyrnes the said parteis interchangeably has affixit thair seill to thir present indentouris And for the mair securite the said parteis has causit Sir Robert Leis to sub-

scriwe thir present indentouris with his sing manuall for thaim batht at day and place fairsaid befor thir witnes Alexander Irwin of Beldeis and Jhon Quhitchack witht others diuerss .

Robertus Leis capellanus et notarius publicus .

*Inquisitio Alexandri Cuming de Cultyr.*¹ —(A.D. 1505.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Aberdene primo die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quarto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Wattertone vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in curia vicecomitis in pretorio eiusdem burgi pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Willelmum Gordone de Scheves Georgium Meldrum feodatorem de Fivv Andream Fraser de Stanyvod militem Alexandrum Skene de eodem Henricum Annand de Ouchterellone Johannem Chavmer de Strathechyne Willelmum Mortymer de Cragyuer Alexandrum Johnstone de eodem Willelmum Blakhall de eodem Alexandrum Cultis de Ouchtercoull Alexandrum Crome de Inverernan Willelmum Turing de Foverne Andream Tulideff de eodem Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Ronaldum Oudny filium et heredem apparentem Willelmi Oudny de eodem Robertum Burnat de Balmad et Johannem Dawgernio de Garneffyntra Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Alexander Cummyne de Cultyr pater Alexandri Cuming latoris presencium obijt ultimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Tuliboy cum suis pertinenciis . . . Et de terris de Cultyr cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Alexander est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Alexandri patris sui de dictis terris cum suis pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre de Tuliboy . . . valent nunc per annum quadraginta marcas et valuerunt viginti marcas tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Cultir . . . valent nunc per annum viginti marcas et valuerunt decim marcas tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Tuliboy . . . et dicte terre de Cultir . . . tenentur in capite de suppremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium warde et

¹ [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem]

relenij Faciendo annuatim pro dictis terris de Tuliboy . . . tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia de Abirdene et alias tres sectas ad dicta tria placita capitalia de Abirden annuatim pro dictis terris de Cultir . . . Et quod dicte terre de Tuliboy . . . et quod dicte terre de Cultir . . . nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per decessum dicti quondam Alexandri patris sui per spacium nouem annorum aut eocirca ratione warde Datum et clausum sub sigillo officij dicti vicecomitis deputati et sigillis quorundam qui huic inquisicioni intererant faciente anno die mense et loco prenotatis .

Dominus de Culter protestatur pro remedio juris.¹ —(A.D. 1505.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo quinto mensis vero Julii die xv. . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentia personaliter comparuit honorabilis vir Alexander Cumyn de Culter cum Willelmo Cumyn de Innerelloghe suo procuratore coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watterton vicecomite deputato de Aberdene in pretorio burghi de Aberdene pro tribunali sedente et . . . declarauit qualiter carta sua terrarum suarum baroniarum de Culter et Tuliboy limites merchas et metas in se continens in manibus Alexandri Burnat de Leyis avi sui tanquam in custodia deposita . . . sigillo quondam illustrissimi principis Alexandri Secundi Scotorum Regis excellentissimi sigillata fuit a qua dictum sigillum Regis . . . abstractum est in sui et heredum suorum preiudicium non modicum ad suam notitiam peruenerit reuelatione litterarum excellentissimi domini nostri Episcopi Abirdonensis Igitur statim cognitione huiusmodi habita ne occultatio sibi seu heredibus suis perueniret in posterum solemniter protestabatur pro juris remedio tempore et loco oportunis ac pro dampnis . . . et expensis inde . . . sustinendis Super quibus idem Alexander petiit instrumenta . . . sigillo ipsius vicecomitis deputati sigillata Acta in dicto pretorio hora quasi xi^a ante meridiem . . . presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris Georgio Leithe de Bernis Johanne

¹ [Abridged from the Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen, vol. ii., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

Mouat de Luscragy Alexandro Caldour de Sonaherd Duncano Forbes
Henrico Forbes de Kynnellar Willelmo Blakhale de eodem Alexandro
Tullache de Moncoffir et Alexandro Gordone de Kennerty cum diuersis
aliis .

Instrumentum sasine in favorem Alexandri Cummyng de Culter.¹—
(A.D. 1513.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Domine millesimo quingentesimo duodecimo mensis vero Marcii die septimo . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Alexander Cummyng de Culter in manibus suis retinens quandam litteram precepti et sasine . . . ex capella regia . . . michi notario publico subscripto tradidit perlegendam huiusmodi sub tenore JACOBUS Dei gratia Rex Scotorum vicecomiti et balliuis suis de Aberdene necnon dilectis nostris Alexandro Irvin de Drum militi Alexandro Burnet de Leis Alexandro Burnet eius filio et heredi apparenti Richardo Irvin et Thome Cummyng in Blariss . . . vicecomitibus nostris in hac parte salutem Quia dedimus . . . dilecto nostro Alexandro Cummyng de Culter . . . terras et baroniam de Culter cum molendino siluis . . . et piscationibus earundem ac . . . terras de Tulliboy cum molendino siluis lacubus piscationibus . . . et suis pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Aberdene Quequidem . . . fuerunt dicti Alexandri hereditarie et quas idem Alexander in manibus nostris apud Edinburgh . . . simpliciter resignavit et pro fauore quem gerimus erga dictum Alexandrum ac pro ipsius bono et gratuito seruicio nobis impenso . . . incorporauimus de nouo . . . predictas terras et baronias . . . in unam integram baroniam liberam nuncupandam baroniam de Culter Cummyng pro perpetuo ac . . . ordinamus quod manerium de Culter sit capitale messuagium dicte baronie . . . Vobis precipimus . . . quatenus dicto Alexandro vel suo certo aucturnato . . . sasinam dictarum terrarum et baroniarum . . . juste haberi faciat . . . Datum sub testimonio magni sigilli nostri apud Edinburcht vicesimo quarto die mensis Februarii anno

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Culter charter chest.]

regni nostri vicesimo quinto QUAQUIDEM littera precepti formam in se continente perlecta . . . prefatus Alexander Irvin de Drum miles . . . tanquam obedientie filius . . . dicto Alexandro Cummyng . . . possessionem realem . . . terrarum et maneriei . . . [dictarum] . . . tradidit . . . et in signum sasine . . . sic tradite dictus Alexander Irvin de Drum miles bouem subrubei coloris cornutum cornibus viridibus appretiatum per fide dignos ad valorem summe triginta solidorum recepit Super quibus omnibus . . . dictus Alexander Cummyng a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit . . . instrumenta Acta erant hec apud manerium de Culter . . . presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris Alexandro Burnet de Leis seniore Alexandro Burnett eius filio et herede apparente Richardo Irvin Andrea Gray Willelmo Clerk et Johanne Clerk cum diuersis aliis testibus . . .

Et ego Johannes Cummyng artium magister clericus Abbir-
donensis diocesis sacra Apostolica auctoritate notarius publicus
[etc. in forma communi.]

Instrumentum sasine in favorem Johannis Cumying.¹ —(A.D. 1523.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo tertio mensis vero Nouembris die decimo . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentiis personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Johannes Cummyng filius et heres quondam honorabilis viri Alexandri Cumyng de Culter Cumyng suis in manibus tenens . . . quoddam preceptum sasine honorabilis viri Gilberti Menzeis de Fyndone vicecomitis deputati in hac parte de Aberdene . . . cuiusquidem . . . tenor sequitur . . . GILBERT MENZEIS shiref depute of Aberdene to George Byssat mayr of fee of the said shirefdome and to his de-
putis greting Forsainekle as we haif resauit our Souerane Lordis precept vnder the quhyte wax . . . to pass wytth Johnne Cumyng sone and ayr of vmquhile Alexander Cumyng of Culter to the landis of the barony of Culter Cumyng baytht tennand and tennendrie . . . taikand souerte of foure scoyr of pundis for the releif of the saidis landis Oure will is heir-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Culter charter chest.]

foir and we charge yow . . . that . . . ye . . . infeft and seis the said Johnne Cumyng or his lauchtfull attorna in the saidis landis and barony . . . becauss we haif tane Alexander Irvine of Forgling souerte . . . for the releif of the saidis landis . . . Gevin under our seile and subscription manuall at Edinburghe the sewint day of Nouember the yeir of God ane thousand five hundreth and twenty thre yeris QUIQUIDEM Georgius Byssat marus feodi de Aberdene . . . sasinam . . . terrarum de Culter Cumyng . . . eidem Johanni instanti . . . tradidit . . . et in signum sasine . . . predictus Georgius unum bouem nigrum *hommyll* appretiatum ad quadraginta solidos et octo denarios monete Scotie de huiusmodi terris elegit et recepit Super quibus omnibus . . . memoratus Johannes Cummyng a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit . . . instrumenta . . . publica . Acta erant hec . . . apud manerium seu mansuagium de Culter Cumyng hora tertia et ultra post meridiem . . . presentibus ibidem Johanne Gray Johanne Troup . . . cum diuersis aliis testibus . . .

Et ego Johannes Cummyng artium magister clericus Abbir-donensis diocesis sacra Apostolica auctoritate notarius publicus [*etc. in forma communi.*]

Preceptum Regium ad dandum sasinam Alexandro Cuming juniore et Jonete Stewart. ¹—(A.D. 1564.)

Maria Dei gratia Regina Scotorum vicecomitibus et balliuis suis de Abirdene et Kincardin . . . salutem Quia dedimus . . . hereditarie dilecto nostro Alexandro Cuming filio et heredi apparenti Alexandri Cuming de Culter et heredibus suis . . . terras baronie de Culter Cuming tam proprietatem quam tenandriam eisdem terris annexatam cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatus nostros de Aberdene et Kincardin necnon dedimus . . . dilecte nostre Jonete Stewart sponse dicti Alexandri Cuming de Culter . . . terras de Haltoun de Tulleboy cum suis pertinentiis jacentes infra prefatam baroniam . . . in vitali redditu . . .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Culter charter chest.]

Quequidem . . . terre . . . dicto Alexandro Cuming seniori de Culter perprius hereditarie pertinuerunt et per eum et suos procuratores . . . in manibus nostris . . . simpliciter . . . resignate fuerunt apud Edinburgh . . . Vobis precipimus . . . quatenus prefato Alexandro juniori vel suo certo attornato . . . sasinam predictarum terrarum baronie de Culter Cuming . . . necnon prefate Jonete . . . in vitali redditu . . . vel suo certo attornato . . . sasinam prefatarum terrarum de Haltoun de Tulleboy . . . juste haberi faciatis . . . Saluo tamen libero tenemento . . . omnium prefatarum terrarum et baronie . . . prefato Alexandro Cuming seniori de Culter pro omnibus diebus vite sue unacum rationabili tertia earundem cum contigerit prefate Jonete eius coniugi siue coniugi sue cuicunque . . . Datum sub testimonio nostri magni sigilli apud Edinburgh nono die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo quarto et regni nostri vicesimo secundo .

Service on Culter.¹ —(A.D. 1676.)

July 6, 1676 . Special service of Alexander Cumming as nearest heir of his father Alexander Cumming junior of Culter in . . the lands and barony of Culter commonly called Culter of Ard[brech] and now Culter Cumming which in property and tenantry annexed comprehends . . . the dominical lands of Mains of Culter with the manor place tower and fort thereof and chiefly the pertinents called the Insh of Culter with the salmon fishing on the water of Dee with all the parts opposite and near said lands and barony of Culter the towns and lands of Robertson Hillside and Tulloch with the pertinents and the meal mill called the Hollmill with the mill lands . . . the fullers mill called the Denmill with the mill lands profits and commodities . . . Over Contlaw Nether Contlaw Ranishill Lachts . . . and pendicles lying in the said barony of Culter Ard-brech and shire of Aberdeen incorporated into one whole and free barony called the barony of Culter Cumming . . . held of the King and his

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

successors in fee heritage and free barony for service of ward and relief and for three suits at three head courts yearly to the sheriffs of Aberdeen . . .

*Carta Alexandro Iruyng de Drum militi.*¹—(A.D. 1526.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Valterus Caidyow de Cragtoun de Petyrcultyr salutem . Noueritis me . . . vendidisse . . . nobili viro Alexandro Iruyng de Drum militi heredibus suis et assignatis . . . terras meas de Cragtoun de Petircultyr cum pertinentiis jacentes infra regalitatem archiepiscopatus Sancti Andree in baronia de Roscoby et infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . . . Tenendas . . . a me heredibus meis et assignatis de reuerendissimo in Christo patre et domino Jacobo miseratione diuina Sanctiandree archiepiscopo . . . et successoribus dicte sedis archiepiscopis . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . dicto reuerendissimo in Christo patri et successoribus suis . . . viginti sex solidos et octo denarios monete Scotie ad duos anni terminos vsuales . . . cum aliis iuribus et seruitiis de huiusmodi terris ante hanc meam venditionem . . . debitis et consuetis tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum proprium huic presenti carte alienationis mee est appensum apud ciuitatem Sanctiandree vigesimo tertio die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo sexto coram hiis testibus Magistro Roberto Gray Magistro Villoelmo Arthour Domino Georgio Gerwess capellano . . . et Georgio Alani notario publico cum diuersis aliis .

Wat Cadiow wytth my hand .

Rex confirmat cartam Magistri Alexandri Lindesay.²—(A.D. 1501.)

Apud Edinburghe . ii. Januarii . j^m. v^c. . Rex ad manum mortuam confirmavit cartam Magistri Andree Liell thesaurarii Abirdonensis [in qua

¹[Abridged from the original in the Culter charter chest.]

²[From the *Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli*, lib. xlii., no. 434, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin. This annual rent was sold to the executor of Master Alexander Lyndesay, rector of Belhelvie, by Alexander Irwin of Drum, on the sixteenth of August, 1495.—(*Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. i., p. 835.)]

quasi executor bonorum Magistri Alexandri Lindesay quondam rectoris de Balhelvy et executorio nomine ejusdem concessit in elimosinam capellanis choristis et communia recipientibus in ecclesia cathedrali Beate Virginis Marie de Aberdene divina celebraturis annum redditum decem marcarum de firmis et redditibus terrarum de Angoustoune in dominio de Drum infra vicecomitatum de Abirdone . Testibus Magistris et Dominis Johanne Lindesay Jacobo Lindesay Willelmo Liell et David Greif . Apud Aberdene xxxi. Decembris . j^m. v^c.]

Carta Regis Thome Gordoun de Brarodach.¹ —(A.D. 1482.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem Sciatis nos dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto nostro Thome Gordoun de Brarodach omnes et singulas terras baronie de Kynnardy cum tenentibus et tenandriis earundem cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene Quequidem terre . . . fuerunt dilecti nostri Thome Hay hereditarie et quas idem . . . in manus nostras apud Edinburgh per . . . suos procuratores . . . simpliciter resignavit . . . Tenendas . . . de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde annuatim . . . nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris jura et seruitia de dictis terris . . . nobis debita et consueta . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendissimo in Cristo patre Willelmo archiepiscopo Sancti Andree ac reuerendis in Cristo patribus Johanne episcopo Glasguensi Willelmo episcopo Morauensi nostri secreti sigilli custode dilectis consanguineis nostris Andrea domino Avandale cancellario nostro Colino comite de Ergile . . . magistro hospicii nostri Daud comite de Crawford . . . Johanne domino Carlile Magistris Alexandro Inglis archidiacono Sanctiandree clerico nostrorum rotulorum et registri et Archibaldo Quhitelaw archidiacono Laudonie secretario nostro apud Edinburgh vicesimo quinto die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo primo et regni nostri vicesimo secundo .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Culter charter chest.]

Concessio Regis Thome Gordoun de Kennardy.¹ —(A.D. 1486.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scottorum omnibus probis hominibus tocus terre sue clericis et laicis salutem Sciatis nos dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto nostro Thome Gordoun de Kennardy . . . terras quarte partis baronie de Kennardy cum pertinentiis jacentes in baronia predicta et infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Aberdene Quequidem terre . . . fuerunt Alexandri Irwin de Drum hereditarie et quas idem Alexander . . . in manibus nostris apud Edinburgh per . . . suos procuratores . . . simpliciter resignavit . . . Tenendas . . . dicto Thome et heredibus suis quibuscunque de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris jura et seruicia . . . debita et consueta . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendis in Christo patribus Georgeo episcopo Dunkeldensi Willelmo episcopo Abirdonensi dilectis consanguineis nostris Colino comite de Ergill . . . cancellario nostro David comite de Craufurde . . . magno camerario nostro Johanne domino Boithuile Andrea domino Avandale Willelmo domino Borthwic magistro hospicii nostri Magistris David Levingstoun rectore de Are nostri secreti sigilli custode Archibaldo Quhitlaw archidiacono Laudonie secretario nostro et Domino Alexandro Scot rectore de Wigtoun clerico nostrorum rotulorum et registri apud Edinburgh vicesimo nono die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo sexto et regni nostri vicesimo septimo .

Carta Regis Thome Gordoun de Kennerty ejusque sponse.¹ —(A.D. 1534.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus tocus terre sue clericis et laicis salutem Sciatis nos dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta confirmasse dilectis nostris Thome Gordoun de Kennerty et Margarete Forbes sue sponse ac eorum alteri diucius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Culter charter chest.]

et heredibus suis subscriptis . . . terras de Kennerty et Mureseit cum piscariis earundem et suis pertinentiis jacentes in baronia de Kennerty infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene Quequidem terre cum piscationibus earundem . . . fuerunt dicti Thome perprius hereditarie et quas idem per . . . procuratores suos . . . in manibus nostris apud Edinburgh . . . simpliciter resignavit . . . Tenendas . . . prefatis Thome et Margarete sue sponse ac eorum alteri diucius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Thome quibuscunque de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris jura et seruicia . . . debita et consueta In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendissimo reuerendisque in Cristo patribus Gawino archiepiscopo Glasguensi cancellario nostro Willelmo episcopo Abirdonensi thesaurario nostro Henrico episcopo Candidecase nostreque capelle regie Striuilینگensis dilectis consanguineis nostris et carissimo fratre Jacobo Morauie comite Archibaldo comite de Ergile . . . magistro hospicii nostri Hugone comite de Eglington . . . Malcolmo domino Flemyng magno camerario nostro Johanne domino Erskin venerabilibus in Cristo patribus Patricio priore ecclesie metropolitane Sanctiandree Daud abbate monasterii nostri de Abirbrothok nostri secreti sigilli custode dilectis familiaribus nostris Thoma Erskin de Brechin secretario nostro Jacobo Coluile de Est Wemys compotorum nostrorum rotulatore et nostre cancellarie directore mittibus et Magistro Jacobo Foulis nostrorum rotulorum registri et consilii clerico apud Edinburgh die undecimo mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo tercio et regni nostri vicesimo primo .

Carta Marie Regine Johanni Gordoun ejusque sponse. ¹ —(A.D. 1548.)

Maria Dei gratia Regina Scotorum omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem Sciatis nos cum auisamento consensu et

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Culter charter chest.]

auctoritate charissimi nostri consanguinei et tutoris Jacobi Aranie comitis . . . regni nostri protectoris et gubernatoris dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse hereditarie dilectis nostris Johanni Gordoun filio et heredi apparenti Thome Gordoun de Kennerty et Jonete Lindesay sue sponse ac eorum alteri diutius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione et heredibus suis subscriptis ac assignatis . . . terras et baroniam de Kennarty cum piscariis et pertinentiis earundem videlicet Mekill Kennarty Middill Kennartie Mvirtoun Carnetoun cum piscaria ac omnibus suis pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene ac dicto Johanni Gordoun suis heredibus et assignatis . . . terras de Auldtoun de Kennartie cum lie Scheiphirdis croft et piscaria ac duabus croftis de Burneside unacum crofta de Waterside et omnibus suis pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum predictum Quequidem omnes . . . fuerunt dicti Thome perprius hereditarie et quas idem per procuratores suos . . . in manibus dicti nostri gubernatoris . . . apud monasterium nostrum de Hadingtoun . . . simpliciter resignauit . . . Tenendas . . . prenomintas terras . . . videlicet Mekill Kennarty Middill Kennartie Muretoun Carnetoun cum piscaria ac omnibus suis pertinentiis dictis Johanni Gordoun Jonete Lindesay eius coniugi ac eorum alteri diucius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus dicti Johannis quibuscunque et assignatis et prefatas terras de Auldtoun de Kennartie cum lie Scheiphirdis croft piscaria et duabus croftis de Burneside unacum crofta de Watterside ac suis pertinentiis prefato Johanni suis heredibus et assignatis de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodo hereditate et libera baronia ut prius imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris jura et seruicia . . . nobis debita et consueta Saluo nichilominus . . . prefato Thome Gordoun libero tenemento tercię partis prefatarum terrarum de Mekill Kennartie Middill Kennartie Muretoun et Carnetoun cum piscaria et . . . duarum croftarum de Burneside et crofte de Watterside pro omnibus sue vite diebus ac libero tenemento dictarum terrarum de Auldtoun cum lie Schiphirdis croft et piscaria dicto Thome et Katherine Gordoun nunc eius sponse et eorum alteri diucius viuenti pro omnibus ipsorum vite diebus unacum rationabili tertia parte omnium prenominarum terrarum et baronie de Kennartie cum piscariis earundem legitime

sponse dicti Thome cuicumque quum contigerit In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendo in Cristo patre Johanne episcopo Dunkeldensi etc. thesaurario nostris dilectis consanguineis Archibaldo comite Ergadie . . . Willelmo domino Ruthuen nostri secreti sigilli custode dilectis nostris familiaribus Magistris Jacobo Foulis de Colintoun nostrorum rotulorum registri ac consilii clerico Johanne Bellenden de Auchnoule nostre justiciarie clerico et Jacobo Hammyltoun de Stanhous etc. nostre cancellarie direttore apud monasterium nostrum de Hadingtoun vicesimo quarto die mensis Julii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo octauo et regni nostri sexto .

Assedatio Martino Howesoune.¹ —(A.D. 1549.)

Nouerint uniuersi . . . nos Gulielmum . . . Abirdonensem episcopum cum consensu . . . decani seu presidentis nostre ecclesie cathedralis . . . et capituli eiusdem . . . pro quadam summa pecunie nobis . . . per discretum virum Martinum Howesoune burgensem de Aberdene nomine gressume . . . assedasse . . . et ad firmam dimisisse . . . prefato Martino suis heredibus et assignatis ac subtenentibus pluribus aut undummodo non sint maioris potentie quam ipse Martinus . . . terras nostras de Glastirmvyr cum toftis et aliis earundem pertinentiis . . . necnon

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In the year 1382, the tenant of the Bishop of Aberdeen, in the barony of Murthill, was John Crab, from whom the Bishop attempted to reclaim the lands.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. I., pp. 143, 155.) In the year 1388, Adam, bishop of Aberdeen, leased the barony to William de Camera, burgess of Aberdeen, for his life, for the yearly rent of ten merks sterling.—(Id., vol. I., p. 183.) In the year 1402, Gilbert, bishop of Aberdeen, again leased the barony to Thomas de Camera, son of William de Camera, lord of Fyndoun, for his life, at the same yearly rent.—(Id., vol. I., p. 205.) Before the year 1427, Henry, bishop of Aberdeen, in consideration of a sum of money paid to the fabric of the cathedral by Thomas de Camera, burgess of Aberdeen, and, at the request of Alexander Stewart, Earl of Mare, and Alexander of Setowne, lord of Gordon, prolonged the lease for the lifetime of two successive heirs of Thomas de Camera.—(Id., vol. I., p. 224.) In the year 1488, Alexander Chaumer of the Qwiltis having renounced his claim to the gift of the barony, made in his favour by Bishop Thomas and his predecessors in the See of Aberdeen, obtained from William, bishop of Aberdeen, a lease for life of the barony with its fishings, at the yearly rent of twelve merks: in the event of his decease before his son Alexander Chaumer, the latter was to have a lease of the half of the barony at the rent of five pounds yearly.—(Id., vol. I., p. 319.)]

cum potestate . . . brasiandi jacentes infra schiram nostram de Murthill et vicecomitatum de Abirdene . . . pro . . . terminis et spatio trium annorum . . . quibus . . . tribus annis . . . elapsis . . . pro spatio aliorum trium annorum et sic . . . procedendo de triennio in triennium usque ad finalem exitum . . . octodecim annorum . . . Tenendas . . . de . . . Episcopis Abirdonensibus . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris . . . quadraginta sex solidos octo denarios monete Scotie duos mutones duodecim capones sex pultreas tres solidos et quatuor denarios pro bondagiis cum seruitiis debitis et consuetis annuatim durante dicto spatio octodecim annorum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum rotundum unacum nostra subscriptione manuali et sigillum commune nostri capituli . . . unacum eorundem subscriptionibus manualibus in signum eorundem consensus . . . presentibus sunt appensa apud ciuitatem Abirdonensem die mensis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo nono coram testibus .

Villam bischop off Abirdein	Johannes Ogiluy de Crudane
Alexander Setone cancellarius Aberdonensis	Alex ^r . Kyd succentor
Jo. Steuardus thesaurarius Aberdonensis	Ja ^{us} . Wawan de Owyn
Patricius Myrtoun archidiaconus Aberdonensis	Alex ^r . Spittail de Clat
Arthurus Taillefer de Crechmond	Joannes Elphinstoun ab Inuernochty
Duncanus Burnet de Methlak	Alexander Gallouay a Kynkell
	W. Hay a Turref
	Will ^{ms} . Cabell de Tulynessale

Precept of sasine in favour of Jonet Knollis.¹ —(A.D. 1551.)

Gilbert Collesoun burges of Abirdene and takisman of the landis and towne callit the Manys of Murthill wyth the . . . pertinentis thairof undir my Lord of Abirdene To my lowitis William Low con-iunctlie and seueralie my balyeis in that part greting Forasmekle that for luff . . . towart Jonet Knollis dochtir to umquhill Alexander Knollis burges of Abirdene my tendir kyniswomane to hawe . . . constitute . . .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

the said Jonet Knollis my werray lauchtfull . . . assignay in and to the nynetene yeris tak quhilk I hawe of the saids landis of Mwrthill with thair pertinentis . . . of my Lord of Abirdene . . . for all the . . . termes of nynetene yeris . . . immediatiie following . . . the fest of Sanct Martin in the yeir of God ane thousand fywe hundretht and fyfte ane yeris . . . Quharfor I charge you . . . that incontinent this my precept seyne ye . . . be thak and raip delywer . . . actuall and corporall possessioun of the saidis Manys and pertinentis to the said Jonet or hir procuratour in hir name . . . In witnes of the quhilk I hawe subscriwit the same witht my hand and affixit my seall to the same at Abirdene the day of the yeir of God ane thousand fywe hundretht and fyfty ane yeris befor thir witnes .

Gylbert Collison witht my hand .

*Carta feodifirme terrarum ville molendini de Murthill Andree Bwk ejusque sponse.*¹ —(A.D. 1556.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Willelmus . . . Abirdonensis episcopus salutem . . . Quia regni Scotie retro principes diuersi in parliamentis suis . . . terras regias et prelatorum ac aliorum dominorum temporalium . . . ceterorumque quorumcunque . . . terras quasunque infra regnum Scotie . . . in . . . feudifirmam perpetuam absque tamen suorum rentalium . . . diminutione . . . dimittendas fore decreuerunt . . . Noueritis igitur nos cum . . . consensu . . . decani et canonicorum capituli ecclesie nostre cathedralis Abirdonensis . . . pro nonnullis pecuniarum summis . . . per dilectum nostrum Andream Bwk burgensem de Abirdeyne persolutis . . . ac pro . . . seruitiis . . . per eundem Andream nobis et dicte nostre ecclesie impensis . . . assedasse . . . et ad feudifirmam . . . perpetuam hereditarie dimisisse . . . omnes et singulas terras nostras ville molendini de Murthill cum earundem . . . pertinentiis jacentes infra schiram nostram de Abirdone et vicecomitatum eiusdem dilectis seruitoribus nostris prefato Andree Bwk et Matildi Menzes eius sponse eorumque alteri diutius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione et heredi-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

bus suis infrascriptis Tenendas . . . prefatis Andree et Matildi . . . eorumque alteri diutius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione et heredibus inter ipsos procreatis seu procreandis quibus forte deficientibus heredibus ipsius Andree suisque assignatis quibuscunque de nobis et successoribus nostris . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . [Reseruato tamen per omnia balliuatus officio episcopatus Abirdonensis et absque preiudicio iuris . . . per nos prius hereditarie . . . Georgio comiti de Huntlie domino Gordoune et Banzenocht etc. et suis heredibus concessio . . .] Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris . . . quinquaginta solidos quadraginta denarios usualis monete Scotie octo bollas ordeï et farrine per medium cum bata cuilibet bolle ordeï quatuor mutones viginti quatuor capones bene pastos tres solidos quatuor denarios pro bondagiis cum seruitiis solitis . . . et pro annua gressuma decem solidos octo denarios necnon tres solidos octo denarios monete antedictæ in augmentationem rentalis nostri . . . ad duos anni terminos . . . consuetos . . . et faciendo tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia per nos seu nostros successores . . . apud palacium nostrum Aberdonense vel alibi ubi expediens videbitur tenenda et tenentes dictarum terrarum . . . in exercitiis Regine et regni sufficienter armati balliuo nostro principali juxta morem patrie seruire tenebuntur necnon quilibet heres seu assignatus . . . in suo primo introitu ad terras . . . predictas fidelitatis iuramentum prestabit . . . quod nos successores nostros sedem episcopalem Abirdonensem decanum et canonicos eiusdem nostrasque personas res et terras necnon Christianam et orthodoxam fidem . . . pro posse . . . defendet . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum rotundum unacum nostra manuali subscriptione ac sigillum commune prefati nostri capituli cum manualibus subscriptionibus decani et canonicorum eiusdem in signum consensus . . . eorundem ad premissa presentibus sunt appensa apud civitatem nostram Abirdonensem xxvi. die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo sexto et nostre consecrationis anno decimo coram testibus

V^a. Eps. Abirdonensis

Joannes Elphinstoun ab Inner-
nocht

R. Erskin decanus Abirdonensis

Thomas Burnett a Methlik

Ja. Strathachin a Belheluy

Jacobus Gordoun de Lunmay

Joannes Watsoun de Clat

Alex^r. Kyd succentor

Jacobus Gordon a Banchory

Service on Murthill.¹ —(A.D. 1692.)

August 26, 1692 . Special service of Alexander Irvine as nearest heir of his father Alexander Irvine of Murthill in . . . the Maynes of Murthill with the . . . and croft thereof and adjacent lands commonly called St. Cuthberds croft the towns and lands of Newtowne Auldfaulds with these two crofts adjacent . . . commonly called Brewhouse of Murthill with the crofts and pendicles thereof . . . Newseat . . . with . . . their houses . . . and whole pertinents lying in the barony of Murthill parish of Peterculter and shire of Aberdeen . . . lately held of the Bishops of Aberdeen and . . . now held of King William and Queen Mary . . . in feu farm fee and heritage perpetually . . .

THE PARISH OF MARYCULTER.²

Carta Johannis Fraser.³ —(A.D. 1373.)

Robertus *etc.* Omnibus *etc.* Sciatis nos dedisse *etc.* Johanni Fraser . filio quondam Willelmi Fraser militis . terram de Westeressyntoly cum pertinentiis infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardyn que fuit Johannis de Dalgarnok et quam idem Johannes nobis sursum reddidit et resignavit . Tenendam et habendam dicto Johanni Fraser et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate per omnes rectas metas *etc.* Reddendo inde nobis annuatim vnum denarium argenti nomine albe firme . apud Castrum Montis de Durrys prout dictus Johannes de Dalgarnok per cartam suam inde reddere tenebatur ad Festum Pentecostes tantum si petatur . pro omni

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, p. 300.]

³ [From the Registrum Magni Sigilli, p. 99, no. 17.]

alio onere consuetudine exactione seu demanda . In cujus rei *etc.* Testibus *etc.* apud Abirdene xviii^{mo} die Junii anno regni nostri tercio .

Carta venditionis Thome Fiff de Eschintuly. ¹ —(A.D. 1478.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Thomas Fiff de Eschintuly ac burgensis burgi de Aberdene . . . salutem Quia alias venerabilis vir Magister Laurentius Piot archidiaconus ecclesie cathedralis Aberdonensis ac rector unius capellanie ad altare Sancti Andree Apostoli in eadem ecclesia situatum uni capellano pro perpetuo celebraturo certas pecuniarum summas dum vixerat in humanis venerabilibus viris Dominis Decano et Canonicis capituli dicte ecclesie legitime legauerat . . . pro uberiore infeodatione capellanie et pro sustentacione capellani . . . pro terris et annuis redditibus acquirendis . . . prout ipsi voluerunt coram summo iudice respondere . . . Noueritis me . . . vendidisse . . . venerabilibus viris Magistris Decano et Canonicis capituli Abirdonensis . . . nomine assignatorio dicti quondam Archidiaconi pro parte infeodacionis dicte capellanie uni capellano pro perpetuo celebraturo ad altare pro anima quondam dicti Archidiaconi unum annum redditum tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum usualis monete Scotie exeuntem annuatim . . . de terris meis de Eschintuly cum pertinentiis . . . jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardyn . . . Tenendum . . . dicto capellano ad altare predictum celebraturo per Dominos Decanum et Canonicos capituli et suos successores presentando a me heredibus meis et meis assignatis pro parte infeodacionis dicte capellanie ut premittitur ad perpetuam rei memoriam . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee est appensum apud dictum burgum ultimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo octauo Testibus prouidis viris Alexandro Menzes Daud Menzeis Gilberto Waus Johanne Waus Dominis Nicholayo Prowdy vicario Sancti Maquhorrii Matheo Pakok Dominis Johanne Guthuide Roberto Leis capellanis et notariis publicis cum multis aliis .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.]

Rex confirmat cartam Thome Fiffe. ¹ —(A.D. 1488.)

Apud Edinburghe . xix. Februarii . j^m. cccc. lxxxvii. . Rex dedit cartam confirmacionis in majori forma [carte] per Thomam Fiffe de Westir Essontuly ac burgensem de Abirdene facte Andree Murray seniori comburgensi dicti burgi de annuo redditu quinque mercarum de terris de Westir Essontuly infra vicecomitatum de Kincardin . Salvis Regi juribus et seruiciis debitis et consuetis .

Concessio Regia Johanni Knollis ejusque sponse. ² —(A.D. 1489.)

Apud Wigtoun . xviii. Marcii . j^m. cccc. lxxxviii. . Rex concessit Johanni Knollis burgensi burgi de Abirdene et Mariote Knollis sponse sue et ipsorum alteri diucius viventi terras de Westir Essintuly infra vicecomitatum de Kincardin quas Thomas Fiffe burgensis dicti burgi resignavit Testibus Roberto episcopo Glasguensi Colino comite de Ergile Archibaldo comite Angusie domino Douglas Alexandro Hume de eodem magno camerario Patricio domino Halis Roberto domino Lyill justiciario Andrea domino le Gray Laurentio domino Oliphant Johanne domino Drummond Johanne priore monasterii Sancti Andree secreti sigilli custode Alexandro Inglis archidiacono Sancti Andree Willelmo Knollis preceptore de Torfiching. milite thesaurario Archibaldo Quhitelaw subdecano Glasguensi .

Rex confirmat cartam Johannis Knollis suo filio. ³ —(A.D. 1492.)

Apud Striveling . xxiv. Julii . j^m. cccc. xcii. . Rex confirmavit cartam Johannis Knollis burgensis de Abirdene [in qua concessit Johanni Knollis filio suo et heredibus suis et assignatis terras de Westir Essintuly infra vicecomitatum de Kincardin Tenendas a dicto patre de Rege in feodo Reddendo annuatim Regi servicium debitum et consuetum et Andree

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. x., no. 128, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Ibid., lib. xii., no. 86.]

³ [Ibid., lib. xii., no. 362.]

Murref burgensi de Abirdene heredibus suis et assignatis quinque marcas nomine annui redditus Reservatis libero tenemento dicto patri ac racionabili tercia sponse sue Katerine Haye . Testibus Johanne Colysoune Johanne Moore Patricio Adamsoune Marca Scot burgensibus de Abirdene Dominis David Vaus vicario de Banff Johanne Stradachin presbyteris et Magistro Johanne Baidzenache vicario de Gammery notario publico . Apud Aberdene . x. Junii . j^m. cccc. xcii.] Testibus Georgio episcopo Dunkeldensi Colino comite de Ergile Patricio comite de Boithvile domino Halis Archibaldo comite Angusie domino Douglas Alexandro domino Hume *etc.* Johanne priore Sancti Andree secreti sigilli custode Johanne domino Glamis Willelmo domino Sancti Johannis Andrea domino Gray et Magistro Ricardo Murehede .

Carta Andree Murray Curato et Capellanis de Abirdene. ¹ —(A.D. 1537.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Andreas Murray junior burgensis de Abirdene . . . salutem . Noueritis me . . . vendidisse . . . venerabilibus et discretis viris Curato et Capellanis Chori ecclesie parochialis Diui Nicolai de Abirdene et suis successoribus . . . illum annum redditum meum quinque mercarum usualis monete regni Scotie annuatim exeuntem . . . de . . . terris de Westir Essintuly cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardin . . . Tenendum . . . dictum annum redditum . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . unum denarium . . . monete Scotie nomine albefirme si petatur tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum proprium huic presenti carte mee mea manuali subscriptione subscripte est appensum apud Abirdene vigesimo primo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo septimo coram testibus Andrea Cullan patre meo legali Valtero Cullane David Andersone Thoma Chalmer burgensibus de Abirdene et Magistro Dauide Nicholsoun scriba communi Abirdonensi ac notario publico cum diuersis aliis .

I Androv Mvrray witht my hand .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the City of Aberdeen.]

The Queen confirms a Decreet of the Lords of Council and Session finding the lands of Maryculter subject to the regality of Torphechin.¹
—(A.D. 1548.)

Maria Dei gratia Regina Scotorum omnibus . . . Sciatis nos quoddam . . . decretum per Dominos Consilii nostri . . . promulgatum utique intellexisse sub hac forma . AT EDINBURGH the sextene day of December the yeir of God ane thousand five hundredth fourty seven yeiris anent our Souerane Ladyis lettres purchest at the instance of James lord Sanct Johnnis preceptor of Torphechin aganis Mariory Chalmer relict of umquhill Gilbert Menzeis of Fyndoun makin mentioun that quhair the sayd Lord hes the haill landis and barony of Marecultir with the pertinentis pertaning to his sayd preceptorie in fre regalite .and he rasoun thair of his tenentis of his saydis landis hes euir bene in tymes bypast replegit fra the Schiref of Kincardin and his deputis to the fredome and priuelege of the sayd regalite and baillies courttis thair of . . . and now as the sayd Lord is informit the said Mariory Chalmer . . . callit umquhile Alexander Lindsay the spous of Katherine Watsoun tenent to the sayd Lord of his Manis of Marecultir befor the Schiref of Kincardin and his deputis for the allegit wrangus teling and riving out of ane parte of the saydis Lordis landis and sauing of cornis thairupoun and for taking of cognitioun thairintill be verteu of oure Souerane Ladyis lettres direct thairupoun the said Schiref causit summond the sayd umquhile Alexander . . . to ane certin day in September last bypast and causit arreist the saydis cornis sawin be him upon the saydis landis quhill the sayd cognitioun be takkin and in the meyntyme or the sayd day the said Alexander wes slane in this last feild² quhairthrow na process can be had upoun the said cognitioun and albeit he war of life the said Schiref nor his deputis culd be na jugeis competent thairintill nocht the less as yitt the said Schiref haldis the saidis cornis under arreistment upoun the ground rotand and spilland swa that the said Katherine his relict nor thair barnis can get na intromissioun thairwith bot is allutarly herit thairthrow howbeit the said Schiref nor his deputis hes na pouer to mak ony arreistmentis

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Pitfodels charter chest.]

² [The allusion is to the battle of Pinkie, fought on the 10th of September, 1547.]

within the saidis landis be reasoun of thair regalite forsaid . . . the Lordis of Counsale suspendis simple the saidis lettres . . . and decernis the effect thair of to ceiss in tyme to cum . . . and ordanis the same to be lousit to the effect that the said Katherine Watsoune may intromett with the saidis cornis . . . at her plesur becauss the saidis lettres are direct to the said Schiref and his deputis quha hes na jurisdiction within the said Lord of Sanct Johnnis landis becauss he is fre quite and exemit frae all sic jugeis within this realme as the confirmation of the priuilege and exemptioun given and grantit be diuerss Kingis to the said Lord and his predecessours . . . producit befor the saidis Lordis proportit . . . Extractum de Libro Actorum per me Magistrum Jacobum Fowlis de Colintoun clericum rotulorum registri ac consilii . . . QUODQUIDEM . . . decretum ac omnia . . . in eodem contenta . . . confirmamus Datum sub testimonio nostri magni sigilli apud Edinburgh octavo die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo octavo et regni nostri sexto .

THE PARISH OF DURRIS.¹

Institutio Magistri Willelmi Crychtoune in ecclesia parochiali de Durris.²
—(A.D. 1487.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo septimo mensis vero Nouembris die xxii^o . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus venerabilis vir Magister Willelmus Crychtoune clericus Sancti Andree diocesis publice quasdam litteras Apostolicas . . . super gratiam expectandam de uno beneficio seu duobus beneficiis ecclesiasticis etiam sed alterum cum cura aut decanatus vel archipresbiteratus ruralis que dignitas etiam curata

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, p. 651.]

² [Abridged from the Notary's Protocol Book, marked "Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen, vol. I," MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

extra tamen cathedralem ecclesiam reputaretur seu dignitas vel personatus in cathedrali ecclesia metropolitana uel collegiata . . . [ad] reuerendi in Christo patris Archiepiscopi Sancti Andree et reuerendi patris Episcopi Glasguensis necnon venerabilium virorum Priorum Sancti Andree et Decani singulorumque Canonicorum Glasguensium necnon illius et Sancti Andree ecclesiarum huiusmodi Capellanorum et singularum Personarum collationem presentationem . . . seu quamvis aliam dispositionem . . . pertinentibus sibi per prefatum dominum nostrum Papam sub data Kalendis Nouembris pontificatus sui anno tertio eidem nostro Willelmo factas necnon quasdam litteras Apostolicas . . . sub data a natiuitate Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo septimo . . . die xxvii^o mensis Ianuarii . . . fulminatas . . . integras et non vitiatas discreto viro Domino Johanni Kyde vicario perpetuo pensionario ecclesie parochialis de Durris diocesis Sancti Andree ac instrumentum utique virtuosi viri Domini Wilhelmi Lam presbyteri ac notarii publici signo . . . et subscriptione suis roboratum . . . super . . . prouisione dicte ecclesie parochialis de Durris eidem Wilhelmo desuper factum reuerenter . . . presentauit . . . Post quarum quidem literarum lecturam . . . dictus Dominus Johannes Kyd prefatum nostrum Willelmum Crychtoune in . . . realem et actualem possessionem dicte ecclesie parochialis de Durris cum suis . . . pertinentiis uniuersis . . . corporaliter inuestiuit sibi . . . institutionem cum effectum deliberauit per calicis libri Messalis ornamentorum altaris parochialium [traditionem] et ecclesie antedictae clauem secundum tenorem . . . huiusmodi litterarum Apostolicarum Insuper dictus Magister Willelmus easdem in waluis ecclesie affigi mandauit copiam suis expensis petens . . . Super quibus omnibus . . . dictus Magister Willelmus a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum . . . Acta erant hec infra dictam ecclesiam de Durris hora quasi undecima ante meridiem vel eocirca . . . presentibus ibidem honorabilibus et honestis viris Alexandro Frasser de Durris Willelmo Frasser suo filio primogenito Andrea Wode de Blairtoun Alexandro Watstone Malcom Murray Alexandro Stratone Moricio Makysone Alexandro Willstone Willelmo Tod parochianis eiusdem et Johanne Colly testibus . . .

*Carta Regis David Alexandro Fraser.*¹ —(A.D. 1368.)

David Dei gracia Rex Scotorum / Omnibus . . . Sciatis nos dedisse . . . dilecto consanguineo nostro Alexandro Fraser / omnes et singulas terras nostras thanagij de Durrays cum pertinenciis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Kincardyn / Tenendas . . . eidem Alexandro et heredibus suis / de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate / in vnam integram et liberam baroniam . . . cum furca et fossa cum sacca et socco cum thole et them et infangandetheif et cum omnibus et singulis libertatibus . . . Faciendo inde annuatim tres sectas ad tria placita nostra capitalia vicecomitatus de Kincardyn ac seruicium vnus architenentis ad exercitum nostrum tantum pro omni alio seruicio . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi apud Edinburgum quarto die mensis Septembris anno regni nostri quadragesimo . Testibus Patricio episcopo Brechinensi cancellario nostro . Roberto senescallo Scocie comite de Strathern nepote nostro . . .

*Carta Regis pro Alexandro Fraser filio naturali Alexandri Fraser domini baroniarum de Colly et de Durrays.*² —(A.D. 1400.)

Robertus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quamdam cartam Alexandri Fraser de Colly et de Durrays militis sub sigillo suo factam Alexandro Fraser filio suo naturali de mandato nostro visam . . . intellexisse ad plenum in hec verba / OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris . . . Alexander Fraser dominus baroniarum de Colly et de Durrays . . . vestra nouerit vniuersitas . me cum consensu et assensu Elisabet de Hamyltoun sponse mee . dedisse . . . Alexandro Fraser filio meo dilecto / pro homagio et seruicio michi et dicte Elisabet sponse mee et nostrum alteri diucius viuenti et heredibus inter me et dictam Elisabet legitime procreatis

¹ [Abridged from a copy in Macfarlane's Genealogical Collections, MS. Adv. Bibl., collated with the Registrum Magni Sigilli, p. 68, no. 229, and with a copy in Crawford's Lives of the Officers of State in Scotland, p. 278.]

² [Abridged from a transcript in the General Register House, Edinburgh, collated with a copy in the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. 3, no. 72.]

seu procreandis per ipsum Alexandrum impenso et impendendo . totas illas terras de duabus Kynclonyes . de Balcharn . et de Balfuthachy cum pertinencijs in baronia de Durrys infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardyne Tenendas . . . dicto Alexandro et heredibus suis de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis / quibus forsán deficientibus ad me et heredes meos libere reuertendas de me et de dicta Elisabet et heredibus inter me et dictam Elisabet legitime procreatis seu procreandis / quibus forte deficientibus quod absit do concedo et hac presenti carta mea confirmo . predicto Alexandro filio meo pro seruicio michi hactenus impenso . totam et integram baroniam predictam de Durrys cum pertinencijs . infra dictum vicecomitatum de Kyncardyne Tenendam . . . predicto Alexandro et heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis . quibus forsán deficientibus ad me et heredes meos libere reuertendam de me et heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate per omnes rectas metas et diuisas suas cum tenentibus et tenandijs bondis bondagijs et natiuis curijs et curiarum exitibus et escaetis molendinis bracinis et fabrilibus et eorum sequelis cum siluis boscis planis moris marresijs . pratis pascuis et pasturis . vijs semitis aquis stagnis viuarijs et riparijs . venacionibus piscacionibus et aucupacionibus . . . Faciendo inde domino nostro Regi . . . seruicium debitum et consuetum . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte mee sigillum meum apposui Apud Abirdene vicesimo die mensis Septembris anno gracie millesimo quadringentesimo / QUAM QUIDEM cartam . . . confirmamus Saluo seruicio nostro vna cum wardis maritagijs et releuijs cum contigerint de eisdem In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmacionis nostrum precepimus apponi sigillum Testibus venerabilibus in Xpo patribus Waltero episcopo Sancti Andree . Gilberto episcopo Abirdonensi cancellario nostro . carissimo primogenito nostro Daud duce Rothesaie comite de Carric et Atholie . Roberto duce Albanie comite de Ffyf et de Meneteth . Archebaldo comite de Douglas domino Galwidie . Jacobo de Douglas domino de Dalkeith et Thoma de Erskyne consanguineis nostris dilectis militibus Apud Renfrw quinto die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo et regni nostri vndecimo .

William Frasare lord of Fylorth sells his lands of the baronies of Colly and Durryes to William de Hay lord of Eroll.¹—(A.D. 1413.)

Be it madde knawyn til al men thruch thir present lettres me William Frasare lord off Fylorth for til haff saulde / fra me and myne ayris and mine assignais for euirmare / til a noble lord and mychty William de Hay lord off Eroll and constable of Scotland his ayris and his assignais / all my landis off the baronryis off Colly and off Durryes / wid tenand and tenandryis and service off fre tenand / lyand widin the schyrrefdome of the Merenyss / wid the pertenance to me perteignand / for a sowme off sylure before hand in my mykyle mistre to me payit / of the whilke sowme I hald me well payid and content and the fornemyt Lord of Eroll his ayres executores and assignais I quite clayme for euirmare be thir present letris . For til hald and for til haff all the landes forneymit wid the pertenance to the forneymit Lord off Eroll his ayres and his assignais of oure Lord the King into fre baronryis wid outyn ony clayme of me or of myne ayris to be made in the forneymit landys in ony tyme to cum In to the whilke landys Dame Elizabeth of Hamylton the wyffe whilum of Sir Alexander Frasare is joynte fyffare as now And att what tyme at the forsayde Lady may be tretyt till vpp gyff tha landis till oure Lord the Kyng / or till our Lord the Ducke our Gouvernour / till infeffe William Frasare in the sayde landys / he beand in lachfull possession sal resigne the sayde landys in the handis off the our lord for till infeffe the sayde Lord of Eroll frely his ayres or his assignaes And in caise thate the forneymit Lord off Erroll dissesse or yhete the sayde William Frasare / as God forbede / this counand beand vn-filfyllyt / widin fowrety dayis eftyre the resignacion off the sayde landys to the our lord / or ellis hir disesse / the fornemyit William Frasare oblysis him his ayres and his assignaes to pay to the fornemyt Lord of Eroll his ayris or his assignais a hondereth pond of vsuale mone of the k yngryké of Scotland / ilke yhere be yhere at vsuale termys proporcionali / that is to say / at Witsonday and Martinemes / ay till this counand be fullily fulfyllyt in fourme and effecte as it is before wrytine / na remede in lach canon na

¹ [From the original in the charter chest at Philorth.]

ciuile agayne standand that may be propoynt in the contrary In the witness of the whilke thyngge my seele is putt to thir present lettres att Perth the tend day of the moneth of October in the yhere of our Lord a thousand fowre hondreth and threttene .

*Carta Regis Jacobi pro Alexandro Fraser filio naturali Domini Alexandri Fraser de Colly et de Durrys militis.*¹ —(A.D. 1430.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quandam cartam confirmationis excellentissimi principis Roberti Dei gracia Regis Scotorum illustris patris nostri factam Alexandro Fraser filio naturali Alexandri Fraser de Colly . et de Durrys . de terris de Kinclonyes . de Balcharne . et de Balfuthachy . cum pertinentiis . jacentibus in baronia de Durrys . infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardyne . . . intellexisse ad plenum in hunc modum . ROBERTUS Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quandam cartam Alexandri Fraser . de Colly . et de Durrys . militis sub sigillo suo factam Alexandro Fraser filio suo naturali de mandato nostro [*etc. ut supra, pp. 362, 363.*] . QUAM QUIDEM cartam . . . imperpetuum confirmamus . Saluis nobis vardis releuijs et maritagijs cum contigerint . ac aliis seruicijs de dictis terris debitis et consuetis . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . Testibus reuerendo in Xpo patre Johanne episcopo Glasguensi cancellario nostro . Johanne Forestarij camerario nostro . Valtero Ogilvy thesaurario nostro militibus et Magistro Willelmo Foullis custode priuati sigilli nostri preposito ecclesie collegiate de Bothwil . apud Perth . viij^o die mensis Augusti . anno regni nostri . xxv^{to}.

*Backbond Alexander of Ketht to Alexander Iruyne of Drum.*² —(A.D. 1487.)

Be it kende tile al mene be thir present letteres me Alexander of Ketht . . . treulie bindis ande obliassis me myne ayris and assignais tile ane

¹ [Abridged from the *Registrum Magni Sigilli*, lib. lii., no. 72, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Drum.]

nobile man Alexander Iruyne of Drum his ayris ande assignais as forsa-
mekile the saide Alexander Iruyne . . . with consent of Alexander Iruyne
his sone and appering ayr has sauld to me be ane plane charter of selling
ane annuell rent of tene markis of vsuale money of Scotlande yerlie to be
raisit out of the haile landis of the barronry of Dures liand within the
schirefdome of Kincardin . . . notwithstanding quhat tyme it sal happin
the saide Alexander Iruyne of Drum his ayris or assignes to content re-
funde ande pay to me my ayris or assignes the some of sex scoir of markis
of vsual money of Scotland haile ande togidder at anis apon ane day
betuix the sone rising and gaing to of that ilk within the paryss kirk of
Feteressow apone the hie altar of the samyn apone tuenty daies warning
obefor to be maide oppinly be oppin proclamation one ane Sonday within
the said kirk in tyme of the Hie Mess thane incontinent . . . I myne ayris
ande assignes . . . sal frely resing . . . to the saide Alexander Iruyne
of Drum his ayris and assignes . . . the forsaid annuell rent with the
pertinence togidder with ale . . . writis and documentis quhatsumeuer
maide to me thairapone . . . ande gif it sal happin me myne ayris or
assignes fraudfullie or wilfullie tile absent us fra the resat of the saide
somes we being warnit thairto one twenty daies warning obefor . . .
thane it sall be lesum to the saide Alexander Iruyne of Drum his ayris
ande assignais to tell and novmer the saide some of sex scoir of markis
befor notabile witness and putt and deliuer it in the Curatis handis of
Fetteressow for the tyme to the vtilite ande profit of me myne ayris and
assignes and that being done the saide Alexander Iruyne his ayris and
assignais sal haue fre regress ande enteress agane in ande to the saide
annuell rent with the pertinence . . . And atour gif the said Curat of
Feteressow for the tyme fraudfullie or wilfullie absentis him and wil
nocht resaue the forsaide money thane it sal be lesum to the saide
Alexander Iruyne of Drum his ayris and assignes to tell and novmer the
saide some befor notabile witnes and take instrumentis thairapone and
deliuer it tile ony leile man to the profit of me myne ayris or assignes
. . . In witnes of the quhilkis I haue hungyne my sele to thir letteres at
Abirdene the xv. die of the moneth of September the yer of God ane
thousand four hundrethe aughtie and sevin yeris befor thir witnes Alex-
ander Chamer of Murthile Jhone Colison John Wowrmet William Chamer
barges of Abirden and Schir Jhone Stirueling publict notar .

Instrumentum saisine Willelmi Fraser.¹—(A.D. 1491.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo primo mensis vero Nouembris die xviii^o . . . in mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus nobilis vir Willelmus Fraser filius et heres quondam Alexandri Fraser de Durris ad presentiam prouidi viri Roberti Prater vicecomitis deputati de Kyncardin cum testibus fide dignis accessit manu sua tenens quoddam breue capelle domini nostri Regis . . . huiusmodi sub tenore JACOBUS Dei gratia Rex Scotorum vicecomiti et balliuis suis de Kyncardin salutem Quia per inquisitionem de mandato nostro per vos factam et ad capellam nostram retornatam compertum est quod quondam Alexander Fresal pater Willelmi Fresal latoris presentium obiit ultimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem nostram de totis et integris terris dominii de Durris cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra balliam vestram Et quod dictus Willelmus est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam patris sui . . . Vobis precipimus . . . quatinus dicto Willelmo vel suo certo attornato . . . saisinam dictarum terrarum cum pertinentiis juste habere faciatis . . . capientes securitatem de quadraginta marcis de releuio dictarum terrarum . . . Teste meipso apud Edinburgh sexto die mensis Nouembris anno regni nostri quarto . . . UNDE dictus vicecomes deputatus . . . saisinam contulit dictarum terrarum . . . prefato Willelmo . . . presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris Malcomo Murra Alexandro Watstone Alexandro Murra Dominis Willelmo Donaldi vicario de Dulmaok Michaele Johannis presbitris Willelmo Huchonson Ricardo Midiltoun Alexandro Huchonson Willelmo Duncanson Thoma Huchonson David Leis ac Willelmo Walcar maro feodi cum diuersis aliis . . .

Et ego Robertus Leis presbiter Abirdonensis diocesis . . . notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Drum.]

Carta Johannis Mackie.¹ —(A.D. 1540.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris Walterus Lindesay miles Dominus Beati Johannis Preceptor de Torphichin ordinis Jerosolimitani etc. salutem in Domino sempiternam Noueritis nos dedisse . . . dilecto nostro Johanni Maky et heredibus suis totam et integram vnam terram Templariam vlgariter nuncupatam Casteltoune de Dwrris cum suis pertinentiis jacentem infra vicecomitatum de Kincarding . Quequidem terra Templaria cum suis pertinentiis prius fuit vt nobis clare constat Willelmi Maky patris sui hereditarie . Tenendam . . . dicto Johanni Maky et heredibus suis de nobis et successoribus nostris Dominis Beati Johannis Preceptoribus de Torphichin in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . adeo libere . . . sicut dictus Willelmus aut sui predecessores eandem tenuit . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris octodecim denarios vsualis monete regni Scocie . . . vnam aliiis seruiciis debitis et solui consuetis . Reseruatis eciam nobis et successoribus nostris iuribus consuetudinibus obitibus deuoriis et seruiciis nobis de dicta terra Templaria . . . ante dictam . . . infeodacionem [debitis] . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum officii nostri quo in talibus vtimur vnam subscripcione nostra manuali huic presenti carte nostre est appensum Apud Mareculter vigesimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo presentibus ibidem Alexandro Lindesay balliuo baronie de Mareculter Nicholayo Dundas Domino Dauid Duncansoun et Domino Johanne Maknakill capellano ac notario publico cum diuersis aliis .

¹ [Abridged from the original in private custody.]

IN THE PRESBYTERY OF GARIOCH.

THE PARISH OF CHAPEL OF GARIOCH.¹

Rex confirmat donationem Patricii de Ogilville militis capelle Beate Marie de Garvyach.² —(A.D. 1425.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos . . . hac presenti

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 526-544.]

Between the years 1338 and 1344, or 1355 and 1357, the sister of King Robert I., Christian of Bruce, lady of the Garulach, and widow of Sir Andrew of Murray, the Pantler of Scotland, founded a chantry in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Garuyach, endowing the chaplain celebrating religious services there for the souls of King Robert, of the founder, and of her husband, with a toft, a croft containing an acre, in the tenement of Drumdurnach, in the lordship of the Garuyach, and with one hundred shillings sterling yearly from the lands of Meikle Warthill, in the same lordship of the Garuyach.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., pp. 66, 67.) In the year 1384, Margaret, countess of Douglas, lady of Marr and of the Garulach, daughter of Donald, (third of that name) earl of Marr, and widow of William, earl of Douglas, granted a ten pound land from the two parts of the town of Petgovny, and from the town of Colihill, with the pertinents, excepting the Westfelde, lying in the tenement of Bourty, and the regality of the Garulach, for the endowment of a chaplain performing the usual religious services, in the chapel of the Blessed Mary of the Garulach, for the souls of the founder, of her deceased husband, William, earl of Douglas, of Thomas, earl of Marr, her brother, and of James, earl of Douglas and lord of Liddesdale, her son —(Id., vol. i., pp. 167-170.)

The church of Fethirneir (dedicated to St. Ninian) with the land and pertinents, is said to have been granted to Mathew, bishop of Aberdeen, by King Malcolm the Maiden.—(Id., vol. i., p. 7.) 'The township of Fethirneir, and the church with its appurtenances,' were confirmed to the See of Aberdeen, by Pope Adrian IV. in 1157.—(Id., pp. 5-7, 84-86.) In the year 1242, King Alexander II. erected the lands of Brass [Birse] and Fethyrneir into a free forest in favour of Bishop Ralph and his successors in the See of Aberdeen.—(Id., vol. i., p. 15.) On the thirteenth day of September, 1257, Pope Alexander IV. ratified the provision made by the abbot and convent of Lundoris to the vicar of the church of Dournach of a yearly stipend of twenty-one merks, the whole altarage, with an acre of land for a manse next the church, three acres of the land belonging to the chapel of Rossochetis, and a third part of a carucate of land then held by Richard the vicar.—(Id., vol. i., p. 28.) On the eleventh day of January, 1476, Alexander Vaus, official and vicar general of the diocese of Aberdeen, Thomas, bishop of Aberdeen, being abroad, granted precept of sasine in favour of William Achlek in the chaplainry of Garioch.—(Original among the Mar charters.) On the twenty-seventh day of March, 1602, Andrew Leslie was served heir of William Leslie, the son of the deceased John Leslie of Bannochie his brother, in the kirk lands of Logydurnoch, with the vicarage of the parish church of Logydurnoch. (Inquisitiones Speciales Vicecomitatus Aberdonensis, no. 82.)]

² [From the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. ii., no. 28, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

carta confirmasse donacionem et concessionem illas quas fecit dilectus consanguineus noster Patricius de Ogilvile miles de Grandoun cum consensu et assensu quondam Alexandri de Ogylvil vicecomitis de Forfar patris sui vni capellano diuina perpetuo celebraturo in capella Beate Marie Uirginis de Garvyach pro salute anime quondam bone memorie Andree de Lesly militis de vno annuo redditu decem marcharum annuatim levando . . . per dictum capellanum uel per Marum de Garvyach qui pro tempore fuerit de terris dicti Patricii de Strathalva infra vicecomitatum de Banfe quibus forte deficientibus de terris baroniarum de Owchtirous et de Essay infra vicecomitatum de Forfare quousque dictus Patricius uel heredes sui infeodauerit uel infeodauerint dictum capellanum et successores suos de decem marchatis terre ad antiquum extentum infra Garvyach uel infra sex leucas contiguas ad le Garviach Cujus quidem capellani presentacio cum vacauerit ad predictum Patricium et heredes suos pertinebit quousque infeodauerit dictum capellanum de dictis decem marchatis terre postquam uero dicta infeodacio fuerit completa tunc presentacio dicti capellani cum vacauerit ad Willelmum de Lesly et heredes suos omnino pertinebit Tenendum . . . totum predictum annum redditum decem marcharum predicto capellano et suis successoribus . . . sicut in carta dicti Patricij de Ogylvy de Grandoun militis inde confecta plenius continetur Saluo seruiicio nostro In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmationis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus Testibus reuerendo in Xpo patre Willelmo episcopo Glasguensi cancellario nostro Johanne Forrestarii magistro nostri hospicii Waltero Ogilvy thesaurario nostro Johanne Senescalli militibus et Magistro Johanne Camroun secretario nostro apud Sanctumandream decimo quarto die mensis Aprilis .

Carta confirmationis et admortizacionis Magistri Alexandri Galloway.¹ —
(A.D. 1506.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quandam cartam . . . factam per dilectum capellanum nostrum Dominum Alexandrum Galloway capellanum de Collihill infra Capellam de Gareache . . . intellexisse sub hac forma . OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Dominus Alex-

¹ [From the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 215, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

ander Galloway capellanus de Collihill salutem in Domino sempiternam Cum ad extremum illud iudicium preconis voce qua nichil imutabilius conuocati fuerimus Nos qui ceteris in hoc mundo magis accepisse cernimur arcius in reddenda ratione illis profecto iudicemur Enim vero quanto nos illis ex munere obligaciores in accipiendo conspiciamus Tanto magis illis humiliores et ad seruiendum Deo promptiores deditos esse debemus Quia cum illius misericordissimi Iudicis dona et munera multiplicantur illorum ambiget nemo donorum et munerum accrescunt rationes Ea igitur de causa noueritis me hec et similia pia mente contemplando in honorem laudem et gloriam Omnipotentis Dei Beatissimeque Virginis precelse genitricis Dei Marie Omniumque Sanctorum et Sanctarum eius et augmentum cultus diuini et pro salute animi reuerendi in Xpo patris ac domini Domini mei metuendissimi Willelmi Elphinstoun Abirdonensis episcopi promotoris mei vnici et specialissimi Et pro salute animarum honorabilium et venerabilium virorum Valteri Ogilwy de Boyne militis Andree Elphinstoun de Selmys Magistri Duncani Scherare rectoris de Clatt meique predecessorum Willelmi Lesly de Balquhane et Elizabetht Ogilwy eius sponse Et pro salute anime mee et pro salute animarum patris et matris mei omniumque parentum benefactorum et fundatorum et successorum meorum cum consensu et assensu predictorum reuerendi patris et Willelmi Lesly de Balquhane dedisse . . . Deo et Beatissime Virgini Marie Capelle de Gareauch et successoribus meis capellanis ad dictam meam capellaniam de Collihill legitime institutis totas et integras illas duas acras terrarum mearum mensure communis cum pertinenciis jacentes in baronia de Balquhane et regalitate de Gareauch ac vicecomitatu de Abirdene inter terras dicti Domini de Balquhan ex orientali et australi partibus et croftam Capellanie de Petcapill ex occidentali et terras Domini de Erskin et Alexandri Wentoun de Andait ex parte boreali Quequidem terre fuerunt dicti Domini de Balquhane ac michi et heredibus meis per suam cartam de eisdem terris et possessione earundem vendite et alienate pro mansione construenda et residencia per me et meos successores capellanos de Collihill ad dictam capellaniam facienda a me meis heredibus predictis capellanis meis successoribus de Collihill imperpetuum Tenendas . . . prefate Virgini Dei genitrici Marie et successoribus meis capellanis de Collihill in pura et perpetua elemosina et ad manum mortuam imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim predictus capellanus

ad dictam capellaniam pro tempore succedens de dictis terris cum pertinentiis vnum annum redditum quinque solidorum vsualis monete regni Scocie alijs quinque capellanis in dicta capella jam fundatis soluendum et in crastino Assumpcionis Beate Marie Virginis distribuendum eisdem quinque capellanis per dictum capellanum de Collihill per equales porciones cuilibet duodecim denarios tunc infra dictam capellam per se et suos substitutos presentes Pro quoquidem annuo redditu quinque solidorum vt supra predicti quinque capellani vnacum dicto meo successore aut successoribus capellanie predictae de Collihill predicto die tractatim et deuota mente celebrabunt vel celebrari facient bini et bini exequias mortuorum cum vigiliis laudibus et collectis nec non cum commendacione animarum cum psalmo *Domine probasti me* cum collecta *Tibi Domine* in finem et *De Profundis* pro fidelibus Dei defunctis cum Missa eorundem pro anima mea et animabus predictis in crastino illius diei per vnumquemque illorum capellanorum illo die simul aut successiue sex Missas in toto complentes . . . Et si dictus capellanus qui pro tempore fuerit ad dictam capellaniam rite institutus in solucione dicti annui redditus ad diem prefixum negligens fuerit aut huiusmodi Missas cum exequiis celebrare die statuto contempserit ipso facto et ex tunc licitum erit alijs quinque capellanis predictis aut alteri eorundem Missas cum vigiliis et commendacionibus vt predictur celebrantibus aut celebrari facientibus eius propria autoritate namare et distringere predictas terras cum pertinentiis aut terras de Collihill et Petgovny seu bona quecunque super eisdem terris pro tempore existentia ad eorundem capellanorum pro tempore beneplacitum et voluntatem absque clientilo officario aut aliquo alio mandato aut precepto quocumque donec et quousque fuerint integre et fideliter de huiusmodi quinque solidis persoluti et satisfacti . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum rotundum prefati reuerendi patris et sigillum meum proprium vnacum sigillo dicti Willelmi Leslie de Balquhane huic presenti carte sunt appensa apud Aberdene vicesimo primo die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto coram hijs testibus Johanne Elphinstoune de Erthe milite Andrea Elphinstoune de Selmys Gilberto Johnnestoune Alexandro Wardlaw Cuthberto Johnnestoune Dominis Roberto Patonsoune et Dauid Liell capellanis cum diuersis alijs QUAMQUIDEM cartam . . . pro perpetuo confirmamus Ac eciam . . . annexamus dictas duas acras terre cum pertinentiis per dictum Dominum

Alexandrum conquestas ad terras de Collihill et Petgowny prefate capellanie perprius mortificatas Ac eciam volumus et decernimus easdem fore eiusdem libertatis et priuelegij sicut dicte terre de Collihill et Petgowny cum pertinentiis existunt secundum tenorem antiquarum cartarum et infeofamenti desuper confecti Saluis nobis et successoribus nostris oracionum suffragiis deuotarum dicti Domini Alexandri et suorum successorum tantum In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmacionis et admortizacionis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . apud Edinburgh vicesimo quarto die mensis Januarij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto et regni nostri decimo octauo .

Instrumentum super purgacione Alexandri Crushank de crimine adulterii.¹
(A.D. 1532.)

Decimo Nouembris anno Domini [j^m. v^c.] xxxij^o. Eodem die personaliter constitutus Alexander Cruschank moram trahens in Mekil Durno infra parochiam de Logidurno comparuit apud summum altare Diue Marie de Logidurno asserens se obligatum purgare eum cum sex purgatoribus de crimine adulterii allegato et dilato in vltima visitacione Decanatus de Gareaucht cum vxore Henrici Clark Idem Alexander Crushank humiliter et debita cum instantia requisiiuit Curatum ad recipiendum purgacionem suam cum hiis purgatoribus videlicet Willelmo Yung Roberto Jamesone Alexandro Mathewsoun Thoma Jamesone Henrico Edindeaucht Gilberto Vilsone Willelmo Froist et Johanne Mathvsone Quiquidem omnes vnanimi consensu et assensu offerebant se paratos purgare eundem Alexandrum Crushank de crimine suprascripto . . . Quiquidem Curatus eandem purgacionem refutauit Super quibus idem Alexander petiit instrumentum et quod obtulit se paratum perimplere omnia et singula contenta in quodam instrumento Magistri Thome Chavmer notarii Insuper Henricus Clark protestatus est quod nullum fecit impedimentum dicto Alexandro et quod nulla fuit purgacio facta racione cuius de remedio juris protestatus est Super quibus idem Henricus petiit instrumentum Acta infra ecclesiam parochialem de Logidurno hora xj. ante meridiem tempore Summe Misse presentibus Domino Malcolmo Thomsoun Domino

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

Villelmo Gledstanis Willelmo Leslie in Varthil Johanne Daidstone
Willelmo Blak et Villelmo Daidstone .

Concessio Regis Alexandro Erskin.¹ —(A.D. 1485.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxvi. Augusti . j^m. cccc. lxxxv. . Rex concessit Alexandro Erskin filio et heredi apparenti Thome domini Erskin et heredibus suis terras baronie de Balhaghirdy cum tenentibus et tenandriis earundem ac molendinum de Inveralumy cum multuris ejusdem in dominio de Garviauche infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene necnon annuum redditum quatuor mercarum Sterlingorum de terris de Flandris infra vicecomitatum predictum que idem Thomas resignavit .

Dominus de Erskene et Domina de Barnis.² —(A.D. 1505.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo quinto mensis vero Julii die xvi^{to}. . . . in mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentia personaliter constituta prouida mulier Elizibeth Gordone relicta quondam Henrici Leith de Barnis in sua pura viduitate concessit se recepisse . . . per manus honorabilis viri Johannis Porterfeld de Chapelton . . . procuratoris nobilis et potentis domini Alexandri domini Erskene summam tricentum mercarum usualis monete Scotie pro redemptione omnium terrarum de Pettodry cum suis pertinentiis jacentium in regalitate de Gareauche infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene et summam octoginta librarum usualis monete Scotie pro redemptione tertie partis terrarum de Petskirry cum suis pertinentiis jacentium in baronia de Balhagarty infra dictum vicecomitatum sibi impignoratarum pro dictis pecuniarum summis de quibus tenuit se bene contentam . . . Insuper dicta Elizibeth concessit se alias

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xi., no 43, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [From the Notary's Protocol Book, marked "Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen, vol. iii," MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the eleventh day of May, 1509, Elen Hwyme, the widow of Alexander, lord Erskyne, asked the assise to adjudge to her the thirty-eight and a half merkland of Balhagerty, belonging to her in liferent by virtue of a royal charter in favour of herself and her deceased husband.—(Id.)]

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cartas huiusmodi terrarum quas habuit a dicto Domino prefato Johanni procuratorio nomine quo supra . . . deliberasse Quasquidem cartas . . . aliasque euidencias quasunque . . . terras prelibatas continentes . . . annullavit imperpetuum . . . Super quibus . . . dictus Johannes a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum . . . Acta erant hec infra burgum de Aberdene in hospitio Thome Leslie unius balliuorum dicti burgi hora quasi secunda post merediem . . . presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris Georgio Leitht de Barnis Leitht fratre suo dicto Thoma Leslie Magistro Johanne Smolt Thoma Leitht et testibus ad premissa vocatis . . .

Inquisicio Alexandri Inglis.¹—(A.D. 1511.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Aberdene ultimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo undecimo coram . . . Willelmo comite de Errole domino Hay ac vicecomite de Aberdene in pretorio burgi de Aberdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Iruyne de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillortht milites Johannem Forbes de Petslego Walterum Barclay de Towy Willelmum Lesly de Balquhane Willelmum Forbes de Tochone Thomam Fraser de Stanyvod Willelmum Craufurd de Federay Willelmum Hay de Wry Johannem Movat de Loscragy Willelmum Jhonestone de eodem Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyver Andream Tulidef de eodem Willelmum Turing de Foverne et Patricium Steuart de Latheris Qui iurati dicunt quod quondam Johannes Inglis de Colquhailze pater Alexandri Inglis latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem [et fidem] supremi domini nostri Regis de viginti libratibus terrarum de Inueramsay Petbe et de Nevlandis cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra baroniam de Balhagarty infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene Et quod dictus Alexander est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Johannis patris sui de dictis viginti libratibus terrarum cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte viginti librate terrarum cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum viginti libras Et valuerunt decim libras tempore

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de Domino baronie de Balhaggerty per seruicium warde et releuij debitum et consuetum Et quod nunc existunt in manibus Margarete Drummond domine de Culquhailze racione coniuncte infeodacionis .

Carta Willelmi Leslie de Balquhane.¹ —(A.D. 1511.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos . . . confirmasse dilecto nostro Willelmo Leslie de Balquhane omnes et singulas terras de Balquhane le Nethertoun de Knokinblew le Auldtoun de Knokinblew quatuor bouatas terrarum de Harlaw terras de Selvye Lochtilloch Quhitecors et Knokalloquhy cum molendino eiusdem duas bouatas terrarum de Ressavate binam partem terrarum de Warderis Flemying binam partem terrarum de Wrais terras de Syde cum molendino le *Alehouse* eiusdem terras de Seguyden et Erlisfeild cum pertinenciis jacentes in regalitate de Garuiach et infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Quequidem terre . . . fuerunt dicti Willelmi prius hereditarie et quas ipse . . . in manus nostras apud Edinburgh . . . resignauit . . . Insuper pro bono gratuitoque seruicio nobis et successoribus nostris per prefatum Willelmum et heredes suos impenso et impendendo . . . creamus omnes et singulas terras suprascriptas cum suis pertinentiis in vnam meram et liberam baroniam Baroniam de Balquhane perpetuis futuris temporibus nuncupandam et maneriem de Balquhane principale messuagium eiusdem baronie existere ordinamus . . . Tenendas . . . dicto Willelmo et heredibus suis in antiqua infeodacione predecessoris ipsius Willelmi pro eorum heredibus per Comites de Mar pro tempore existentibus data et confecta et per nostrum predecessorem bone memorie Jacobum primum confirmata contentis de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . vnam communem sectam in curiis vicecomitis nostri de Abirdene vnam wardis releuiis et maritagiis cum contigerint . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . apud Edinburgh vicesimo nono die mensis Julii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vndecimo et regni nostri vicesimo quarto .

¹ [From the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xvii., no. 95, MS. in Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

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The Kings remission to Johne Leslie and others.¹ —(A.D. 1527.)

James be the grace of God King of Scottis to all and sindry our justices schireffis justice clerkis crowneris and thair deputis aldermen provestis and ballies of burrowis and all otheris our liegis and subditis quham it efferis . . . greting Wit ye ws of our speciale grace with auise of our thesaurar to haue respet and be thir our lettres in the law and by the law specialie respettis Johne Leslie son and apperand aire to Williame Leslie of Buchquhane Alexander Leslie of Kincragy and John Keith for the slauchter of vmquhile Alexander Forbes alias Spangare ane of the murtheraris of vmquhile Alexander Seytoun of Meldrum quhilk vmquhile Alexander Forbes was slane on sudandtie and in spoliatioun of ane pure man duelland on the Bishop of Abirdenis land and for all action and cryme that may folow thairupon and for all otheris actionis crymes transgressionis and offensis quhatsumeuir committit and done be thame or ony of thame in ony tyme bigane vnto the day of the date heiroyf tressoun in our persone murthure fire revesing of women and commone thift exceptan to be vnhurt vnharmit vnarrestit vnattachit vnfolowit vnpersewit vnexxit and vndistrublit in thair personis landis or gudis be you or ony of you our officiaris liegis and subditis foresaidis during the tyme of thir our lettres . . . vnder all the hieast pane charge and offensa that ye and ilkane of you may committ and intrin agane our Maiestie in that part Thir our lettres of speciale respett for the space of nynetene yeris nixt to cum eftir the date of the samyn to indure Gevin vnder our priue sele at Abirdene the nynt day of Februar the yeir of God j^m. v^c. twenty sevin yeris and of our regne the fiftene yeire .

Per signaturam manu S. D. N. Regis subscriptam .

Carta feodifirme Willelmo Leslie de Balquhan.¹ —(A.D. 1566.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Willelmus . . . Abirdonensis episcopus salutem . . . Quia regni Scotie retro principes diuersi in parla-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Fetternear.]

mentis suis cum tribus regni sui statibus . . . terras regias et prelatorum aliorumque dominorum temporalium . . . ceterorumque quorumcunque . . . in . . . feodifirmam perpetuam . . . dimittendas fore decreuerunt . . . Noueritis igitur nos cum . . . consensu . . . canonicorum capituli ecclesie nostre cathedralis Abirdonensis . . . ac etiam pro nonnullis pecuniarum summis . . . monete . . . Scotie per Willelmum Leslie de Balquhan modernum extendentibus in toto ad summam decem mille librarum . . . necnon propter varias et diuersas gratitudines et benemerita per quondam Johannem Leslie de Balquhane et dictum Willelmum Leslie eius filium nobis nostre ecclesie cathedralis antedictae presidenti et canonicis eiusdem in hoc turbulento reipublice ecclesiastice statu et tempore impensa et precipue quia dicti quondam Johannes et Willelmus honesto comitatu ac famulis et consanguineis eorundem stipati continuam residentiam fecerunt hoc tempore transacto apud nostram ecclesiam cathedralem ad nostram et nostri capituli instantiam et supplicationem et seipsos promptos paratos et strenuos exhibuerunt in defensione nostre ecclesie sedis et cleri inibi residentis instante etiam seuissima et grauissima seditione persecutione dicte nostre ecclesie et sedis per Catholice fidei hostes vndique grassantes aliisque . . . auxiliis seruitiisque . . . assedasse . . . et ad feodifirmam . . . perpetuam hereditarie dimisisse . . . prefato Willelmo Leslie de Balquhane heredibus suis masculis et assignatis quibuscunque . . . terras schiram seu baroniam nostram de Fetterneir cum toto hospitio turre et fortificio eiusdem cum piscaria salmonum super aqua de Done pratis molendino forresta accroftis aliisque pendiculis et pertinentiis terras de Talzeaucht jacentes infra schiram de Fetterneir . . . terras nostras de Bonyngtoun cum molendino multuris fabrina et crofto fabrine eiusdem necnon . . . terras nostras de Lowesk ac etiam tertiam partem ville et terrarum de Ledintushe . . . terras nostras de Custestoun jacentes infra schiram de Rayne terras de Auchlyne cum molendino eiusdem ac lie *hauch* seu crofta de Bogy alias Blairdynny vocata jacentes infra schiram de Clatt cum earundem molendinis multuris sequelis terris molendinariis fabrilibus brasinis . . . et pertinentiis earundem vniuersis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Abirden Tenendas . . . de nobis et successoribus nostris Abirdonensibus episcopis in feodifirma ac emphiteosi et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris

Abirdonensibus episcopis nostrisue aut eorundem camerariis pro prefata baronia [seu] schira de Fetterneir cum toto hospitio turre et fortificio eiusdem molendino multuris foresta . . . aliisque . . . pertinentiis eiusdem . . . summam septemdecim librarum sex solidorum octo denariorum monete Scotie tres celdras septem bollas ordii cum bato cuilibet bolle vel octo libras pro qualibet celdra ad rationem vnum mutonem vel sex solidos octo denarios pro eodem tridecim duodenas gallinarum domesticarum vel quatuor solidos pro qualibet duodena vnam bollam auenarum vel quadraginta denarios pro eadem pro gressuma annuatim tres libras nouem solidos quatuor denarios pro bondagiis octo solidos octo denarios pro piscaria salmonum vnum barillum salmonum vel tres libras pro eodem pro seruitiis eiusdem baronie decem solidos et quinque solidos quatuor denarios in augmentationem nostri rentalis Pro terris de Bonyngtone cum . . . pertinentiis . . . viginti quatuor libras sexdecim solidos duas martas vel quadraginta solidos pro qualibet marta sex mutones vel sex solidos octo denarios pro quolibet mutone viginti octo bollas farine et brasii per medium cum bato cuilibet bolle brasii vel decem solidos pro qualibet bolle sex duodenas caponum vel octo solidos pro qualibet duodena sex duodenas gallinarum domesticarum vel quatuor solidos pro qualibet duodena octo bollas auenarum cum pabulo vel quadraginta denarios pro qualibet bolle monete antedictae Pro terris de Lowesk . . . quatuor libras nouem bollas duas firloas farine quatuor celdras vnam bollam duas firloas brasii cum bato cuilibet bolle vel octo libras pro qualibet celdra sexdecim capones vel octo denarios pro qualibet pecia tres duodenas gallinarum domesticarum vel quatuor solidos pro qualibet duodena Pro tertia parte de Ledintushe . . . quatuor libras quatuor bollas tres firloas farine et brasii per medium cum bato cuilibet bolle brasii vel decem solidos pro qualibet bolle dimedietatem vnus marte vel viginti solidos pro eadem vnum mutonem vel sex solidos octo denarios pro eodem duodecim capones vel octo solidos pro eisdem duodecim gallinis domesticis vel quatuor solidos pro eisdem vnam aucam vel duodecim denarios pro eadem vnam bollam auenarum cum pabulo vel quadraginta denarios pro eadem Pro bondagiis et seruitiis dictarum terrarum de Bonyngtoun Lowesk Ledintushe . . . octodecim solidos quatuor denarios vnacum seruitiis de dictis terris debitis et consuetis et in augmentationem rentalis nostri decem solidos monete superscripte Pro dictis terris de Custestone . . . pro firma quinque libras sex

solidos octo denarios pro gressuma viginti vnum solidos quatuor denarios nouem bollas duas firlotas farine et brasii per medium cum bato cuilibet bolle brasii vel decem solidos pro qualibet bolla vnam martam vel quadraginta solidos pro eadem duos mutones vel sex solidos octo denarios pro qualibet pecia viginti quatuor capones vel octo solidos pro qualibet duodena viginti quatuor gallinas domesticas videlicet quatuor solidos pro qualibet duodena duas bollas auenarum cum pabulo vel quadraginta denarios pro qualibet bolla pro bondagiis et seruitiis quinque solidos et in augmentationem nostri rentalis tres solidos quatuor denarios . . . Pro prefatis terris de Auchlyne pro firma earundem tredecim libras sex solidos octo denarios pro gressuma quinquaginta tres solidos quatuor denarios vnam martam vel quadraginta solidos pro eadem quatuor mutones vel sex solidos octo denarios pro qualibet pecia quatuor aucas vel duodecim denarios pro qualibet pecia viginti quatuor gallinas domesticas vel quatuor solidos pro qualibet duodena viginti quatuor gallinas murales vel quatuor solidos pro qualibet duodena viginti quatuor capones vel octo solidos pro qualibet duodena quatuor bollas auenarum cum pabulo vel quadraginta denarios pro qualibet bolla pro bondagio sex solidos octo denarios pro crofto fabrine predicto tredecim solidos quatuor denarios in firma Pro gressuma eiusdem duos solidos octo denarios sex gallinas domesticas vel quatuor denarios pro qualibet pecia pro seruitiis dictarum terrarum et crofti tredecim solidos quatuor denarios et pro augmentatione rentalis nostri sex solidos octo denarios Pro terris de Talzeauch . . . quatuor libras pro quarta parte vnus marte decim solidos vnum mutonem vel sex solidos octo denarios pro eodem nouem *lie pultre* vel quatuor denarios pro qualibet pecia nouem gallinas murales vel quatuor denarios pro qualibet pecia vnam bollam auenarum cum pabulo vel quadraginta denarios pro eadem pro bondagio viginti denarios pro seruitiis dictarum terrarum sex solidos octo denarios pro augmentatione rentalis tres solidos quatuor denarios Pro *lie hauche* et crofto de Bogy alias Blairdynny vocato . . . viginti quatuor solidos pro bondagiis et seruitiis viginti denarios pro augmentatione rentalis eiusdem tres solidos quatuor denarios monete regni Scotie . . . Prestando tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia . . . annuatim in curiis nostris capitalibus apud Pallacium nostrum Abir-donense tenendis Et tenentes ac occupatores suprascripte baronie et terrarum in exercitiis Regiis et regni balliuo nostro principali sufficienter

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armati juxta morem patrie seruire tenebuntur Necnon quilibet heres aut assignatus predictus in suo primo anno introitus ad prefatas terras . . . et pertinentias earundem vniuersas antedictas postquam venerit ad legitimam etatem nobis et successoribus nostris antedictis fidelitatis et homagij iuramentum prestabit quod nos et successores nostros sedem nostram Abirdonensem decanum canonicos eiusdem nostras personas res et bona necnon Cristianam et orthodoxam fidem pro posse . . . defendet . . . Saluis tamen per omnia supremis dominis Regi et Regine nostris seruitiis de premissis baronia terris . . . et pertinentiis vniuersis suprascriptis debitis et consuetis . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic carte nostre manu nostra subscripte sigillum nostrum rotundum vnacum subscriptionibus manualibus presidentis et canonicorum dicti nostri capituli . . . vnacum eorum sigillo commune in signum eorum consensus . . . sunt appensa apud ciuitatem nostram Abirdonensem octauo die mensis Junij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo sexto coram hiis testibus Magistro Roberto Lumisden de Clowaycht Alexandro Forbes de Auchanasy Alexandro Paip Magistro Johanne Robertsoun . . .

Villelmus Episcopus Abirdonensis	G. Hay of Rothwen
Alexander Setone cancellarius Abirdonensis	Joannes Elphynstounde Inuernochty
Patricius Myrntoun thesaurarius Abirdonensis	Thomas Burnett de Methlik subscribo
Alex ^r . Anderson de Mvrthlik	Jacobus Gordoun de Lonmay
Joannes Leslie de Vne subscribo	Andreas Leslie de Ellone
M. Robertus Merser de Banquhorie	Jacobus Forbes rector eiusdem
Devynik	Willelmus Cabell de Tulynessill
Cuthbertus Reid de Dwлмаок	Joannes Colison succentor Abirdonensis

Carta Regis Joanni Leslie de Balquhane ejusque sponse. ¹ —(A.D. 1602.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus . . . salutem Sciatis nos post nostram perfectam etatem viginti quinque annorum completam et omnes nostras reuocationes tam generales quam speciales et post actum

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Fetternear.

On the fifth day of July, 1661, William Leslie of Cambusbarron was served heir male of John Leslie of Balquhan, the son of his brother, in the dominical lands of Balquhan, with the manor

dissolutionis factum in parlamento annexationis omnium terrarum temporalium quorumcunque beneficiorum huius regni ad coronam vt cum eadem in perpetuum remaneat tanquam pars patrimonij eiusdem cum auisamento et consensu fidelis et dilecti nostri consiliarij Magistri Joannis Prestoun de Fentounbarnis collectoris generalis et thesaurarij augmentationum dedisse . . . et ad feudifirmam . . . perpetuam dimisisse . . . Joanni Leslie de Balquhane et Jeanne Erskine sue sponse in coniuncta infeodatione et heredibus masculis et assignatis dicti Joannis Leslie quibuscunque hereditarie . . . terras et schyram seu baroniam de Fetterneir cum omnibus . . . earundem pendiculis . . . necnon dedisse . . . dicto Joanni Leslie de Balquhane suis heredibus masculis et assignatis antedictis hereditarie . . . officium Constabularij loci et principalis messuagij Episcopatus de Abirdene in canoniam eiusdem locati et edificati cum hortis pomerijs domibus edificijs pratis graminibus pastura et . . . pertinentijs . . . necnon summam et annuum feodum centum et viginti sex librarum decem denariorum monete leuandum de terris subscriptis videlicet de terris de Auchlyne Tailzeacht Blairdynnie Bonetoune Casteltoun et Luesk jacentibus in parochijs de Clatt et Rayne respectiue infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene ad duos anni terminos . . . pro annua sustentatione guardia et custodia officij Constabularij dicti messuagij tanquam annuum feodum eiusdem Quequidem terre molendina officium Constabularij aliaque supraspecificata ad patrimonium dicti Episcopatus Abirdonie . . . perprius pertinuerunt . . . Necnon volumus . . . quod vnica sasina . . . capienda apud turrim et fortalicium de Fetterneir erit sufficiens sasina pro . . . predictis terris turre fortalicio officio Constabularij et alijs suprascriptis . . . Tenendas . . . predictas terras schyram seu baroniam de Fetterneir cum . . . pertinentijs earundem . . . necnon . . . officium Constabularij loci et principalis messuagij Episcopatus Abirdonie cum . . . pertinentijs . . . necnon predictum annuum feodum . . . in feudifirma feodo et hereditate respectiue imperpetuum de nobis et nostris successoribus superioribus earundem . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris pro dicto officio Constabularij prefati loci et principalis messuagij dicti Episcopatus de Abirdene cum dictis . .

place of Balquhan, and common pasture in the forest of Bannachie, in the parish of Logidurno, and in the third part of the town and lands of Drumdurno, with common pasture in the same forest, etc., all united into the barony of Balquhan.—(Inquisitiones Speciales Vicecomitatus Aberdonensis, no. 352.)]

pertinentijs ac pro annua deuoria centum viginti sex librarum et decem denariorum monete . . . vnum denarium monete huius regni super solo et fundo dicti messuagij ad Festum Pentecostes nomine albe firme . . . necnon . . . soluendo nobis et successoribus nostris camerarijs . . . aut alijs pro tempore jus habentibus pro predictis terris et schyra seu baronia de Fetterneir cum . . . pertinentijs summam quinquaginta quatuor librarum octo solidorum monete antedecte tanquam antiquam feudifirmam et in augmentationem rentalis nostri viginti sex solidos et octo denarios . . . necnon reddendo tres sectas ad tres curias capitales tenendas per nostros balliuos apud Palacium nostrum de Abirdene In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precipimus Testibus predilectis nostris consanguineis et consiliarijs Joanne Marchione de Hammiltoun comite Arranie domino Evan et Joanne comite de Montrois domino Grahame etc. cancellario nostro Georgio Mariscalli comite domino Keyth etc. regni nostri mariscallo dilectis nostris familiaribus consiliarijs Dominis Jacobo Elphingstoun de Barnetoun nostro secretario Richardo Cokburne juniore de Clerkingtoun nostri secreti sigilli custode militibus Magistro Joanne Skene nostrorum rotulorum registri ac consilij clerico Domino Joanne Cokburne de Ormestoun milite nostre justiciarie clerico et Magistro Willelmo Scott nostre cancellarie directore apud Pertham decimo die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo secundo et regni nostri trigesimo quinto .

Inquisitio Johannis Chalmer. ¹ — (A.D. 1504.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene primo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quarto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Wattertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio eiusdem burgi in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Irvin de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillortht Johannem Chene de Essilmond milites Walterum Berclay de Towy Jacobum Chene de Straloch Alexandrum Skene de eodem Alexandrum Caldour de Sonnahard Robertum Dogud de Auchnahuff Willel-

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. 1, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

mum Turing de Foverne Andream Tulidef de eodem Willelmum Craufurd de Federay Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyuer Alexandrum Johnstone de eodem Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Johannem Gardin de Latheria Alexandrum Cromy de Petmethane et Johannem Dunbrek de eodem Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Thomas Chamer pater Johannis Chamer latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Strathechin cum suis pertinenciis Et de quarta parte terrarum de Rostheveot cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Johannes est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Thome patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre de Strathechin cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum viginti marcas et valuerunt duodecim marcas tempore pacis Et quod dicta quarta pars terrarum de Rostheveot valet nunc per annum quinque marcas et valuit quadraginta solidos tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Strathechin et quarta pars terrarum de Rostheveot tenentur in capite de suppremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium warde et relevij Et nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per spacium duorum mensium aut eocirca per decessum dicti quondam Thome patris sui in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis Datum et clausum sub sigillo officii dicti vicecomitis deputati et sigillis eorum qui huic inquisitioni intererant faciente anno die mense et loco prenotatis .

Inquisicio Daud Leslie.¹ —(A.D. 1506.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Wattertone vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi eiusdem in curia vicecomitatus eiusdem pro tribunali sedente vicesimo septimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto per subscriptos videlicet Thomam Fraser de Stanyvod Willelmum Craufurd de Federay Johannem Mowat de Loscragy Willelmum Turing de Foverne Alexandrum Skene de eodem Jacobum Cheyne de Straloch Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Alexandrum Tulloche de

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. I, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

Moncoffir Robertum Burnat de Balmad Johannem Forbes de Echt Alexandrum Johnstone de eodem Johannem Gardin de Latheris Ranaldum Oudny filium et heredem apparentem Willelmi Oudny de eodem Andream Crag de Cragessintra et Alexandrum Caldour de Sonnaherd Qui iurati dicunt quod quondam Jacobus Leslie de Petcapile pater Daud Leslie latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Petcapile et molendino earundem de viginti duabus bouatis terrarum de Rosseuiot de dimidietate terrarum de Crechmond et de dimidietate molendini de Crechmond de octaua parte terrarum de Ardwe de tercia parte terrarum de Herlawe de tribus quartariis terrarum de Ailhouss de Legatisdend excepta decima sexta parte huiusmodi terrarum de Legatisdend et de vno annuo redditu quatuor marcarum vsualis monete Scocie de terris de Crechmond cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in regalitate de Gareauch infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Daud est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Jacobi patris sui de dictis terris molendino dimidietate molendini et annuo redditu cum suis pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre molendinum dimidietas molendini et annuus redditus cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum triginta nouem marcas sex solidos et octo denarios et valuerunt xvij. marcas tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium varde et releuij debitum et consuetum Et nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis et prius in manibus Comitis de Gareauch legitime per seipsum per decessum dicti quondam patris sui per spacium sexdecem annorum aut eocirca racione varde .

Confirmatio Regis David Leslie de Petcaple.¹ —(A.D. 1511.)

Apud Edinburghe . xiv. Augusti . j^m. v^c. xi. . Rex confirmavit David Leslie de Petcaple et heredibus suis secundum tenorem antique infeoda-

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xvii., no. 111, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.

On the third day of October, 1512, William Elphinstone, prebendary of Clat, granted an annual rent of four merks from the half of the lands of Creichmond and the part of the mill belonging to David Leslie of Petcapill, to the chaplains of the choir of the church of the new College of the University of Aberdeen, for performance of certain religious services.—(Fasti Aberdonenses, pp. 71, 72.)]

tionis et carte quondam David Leslie terras de Petcaple et molendinum earundem cum donacione et jure patronatus capellanie de Petcaple ad altare Beate Marie Virginis infra capellam de Gariauch viginti duas bovatas terrarum de Rothsyviot dimedietatem terrarum de Creichmond ac dimedietatem molendini de Creichmond octavam partem terrarum de Ardune terciam partem terrarum de Hairlaw tria quarteria terrarum de *le Alehouse* de Legatisdene (excepta decima sexta parte earundem terrarum) ac annuum redditum quatuor mercarum de terris de Creichmond unacum dependenciis *le outsettis* etc. in regalitate de Gariauch infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas idem David resignavit Insuper Rex dictas terras etc. in unam liberam baroniam de Petcaple creavit et incorporavit . Reddendo annuatim Regi unam sectam .

Instrumentum super sasina baronie de Petcapill.¹—(A.D. 1534.)

Decimo nono Januarii anno etc. xxxij. Eodem die personaliter constitutus Alexander Leslie de Petcapil super solum et fundum predictarum terrarum suis in manibus tenens quasdam literas papiro scriptas formam sasine hereditarie terrarum baronie de Petcapil cum molendinis outsettis et pendiculis et quatuor mercatis annui redditus terrarum de Crechtmont et cum jure patronatus capellanie de Petcapil cum pertinentiis a potenti domino Jacobo Styvart comite Murraue ac vicecomite Abirdonensi formam prescriptam sasine hereditarie a capella Regia de dictis terris et pertinentiis sibi directam eius sigillo officii sigillatas honorabili viro Johanni Bissait mauro in eisdem nominato vigore quarum ipse requisivit quatenus sibi possessionem hereditariam predictarum terrarum daret . . . Post quarum quidem literarum lecturam dictus Maurus . . . ipsum Alexandrum Leslie in realem actualem et corporalem possessionem predictarum terrarum cum pertinentiis et donatione capellanie predicte induxit et inuestiuit . . . Super quibus idem inuestitus petiit instrumentum Acta vt supra hora quasi pomeridiana vndecima presentibus Jacobo Leslie in Rosevait Wilhelmo Mauro Johanne Daudsone Henrico Meyrnis Alexandro Valentyne et Alexandro Cuyk cum diuersis aliis .

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

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Preceptum de clare constat in favorem Joannis Leslie de Petcapill.¹ —
(A.D. 1627.)

Georgius Leslie de eodem superior terrarum subscriptarum . . . ballivis meis in hac parte . . . Quia mihi per autentica documenta . . . clare constat . . . quod quondam Duncanus Leslie de Pitcapill pater Joannis Leslie nunc de Pitcapill latoris presentium obijt vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem S. D. N. Regis in . . . vmbrali dimidietate totius et integre ville et terrarum de Auquhorsk cum . . . pertinentiis jacentibus in baronia de Leslie infra parochias de Logydurno et Oyne respectiue et infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Et quod dictus Joannes Leslie nunc de Pitcapill est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Duncani Leslie de Pitcapill sui patris . . . Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicta vmbralis dimidietas totarum et integrarum dictarum terrarum de Auquhorsk cum pertinentiis de me tenentur in capite in feodo et hereditate pro seruitijs warde et relevij tantum . . . Vobis igitur precipio . . . quatenus . . . sasinam hereditariam . . . dicte vmbralis dimidietatis . . . dictarum ville et terrarum . . . prefato Joanni Leslie de Pitcapill . . . vel suo certo attornato . . . tradatis . . . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus (manu Joannis Baird scribe signeto Regio scriptis) manuque mea subscriptis sigillum meum est appensum apud Edinburgum decimo die mensis Julij anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo vigesimo septimo coram his testibus Thoma Crombie de Kemnay et Dauide Andersonne scribis signeto Regio et Magistro Alexandro Forbes seruitore dicti Joannis Baird presentium scriba et dicto Johanne Baird .

George Leslie of that Ilk .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the possession of the late Patrick Rose, Esq., Sheriff-Clerk of Banffshire.

George Leslie was, on the fifth day of April, 1608, served heir of John Leslie of that Ilk, his brother, in the barony of Leslie, in the superiority of the above lands in the barony of Leslie, in the lands of Auld Leslie, Chappelton, Towleyis, with the mills, the half of the lands of Edin garach, and the superiority of the other half, the superiority of the half of the lands of Auchquhorteis and mill, Auchquhorsk, Blairdaff, the superiority of the lands of Erlisfeild, Newlandis, Balmis, Cultis, New Leslies, and the advocacy of the benefices of the barony of Leslie.—(Inquisitiones Speciales Vicecomitatus Aberdonensis, no. 115.)]

Service on Auquhorsk.¹—(A.D. 1683.)

March 23, 1682 . Special service of John Leslie as nearest heir of his father John Leslie of Auquhorsk in . . . the town and lands of Auquhorsk Auquhorthies Blairdaff and Woodhill with the manor place houses . . . and pertinents lying in the shire of Aberdeen with the right of superiority of the same and pertinents also in . . . the town and lands of Knockolochie with the houses . . . and pertinents of the same . . . and also in . . . the Mill of Pitcaple mill lands multures and knaveships thereof and croft of land called Caldham with the piece of land on the south side of the water of Urie which are . . . pendicles of said mill and mill lands of Pitcaple . . . with the astrict multures and knaveships of the town and lands of Harlaw and the Mains of Pitcaple the crofts of Legettsden and the Blackinches . . . etc. due to said mill along with the liberty . . . of digging and carrying away peats and turf from the west moss of Glack and all the other mosses of Pitcaple . . . lying in the parish of Logiedurno and shire of Aberdeen and also in . . . the town and lands of Drummes . . . with the multures sequells and pertinents . . . lying in the parish of Inverury and shire of Aberdeen . . . all . . . created and incorporated into one whole and free barony to be called the barony of Auquhorsk according to the tenor of a royal charter given to the said John Leslie of Auquhorsk dated 24 May 1671 ordaining the manor place or principal mansion of said lands the principal messuage of said barony . . . Which whole towns lands and barony of Auquhorsk are held in chief of the King in free barony fee and heritage for service of ward and relief and are converted by said charter from simple into taxed ward . . . for payment to the King and his successors for . . . ward and non entry of . . . the sum of forty pounds Scots at two terms of the year . . . and for relief of . . . the sum of forty pounds Scots . . . and . . . for the marriage or marriages of . . . heir or heirs . . . the sum of one hundred pounds Scots only . . .

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

Testamentum Henrici Curre in Blairdaff.¹ —(A.D. 1535.)

Primo Octobris anno [j^m. v^o.] xxxv^{to}. Quo die personaliter constitutus Henricus Curre in Blairdaff sciens et attendens quod nichil certius morte etc. volens de bonis suis dispositionem facere ne inter parentes seu liberos discordia oriatur et ne ab intestato decederet / In primis animam suam Altissimo Creatori commendavit sepulturam suam elegit in ecclesia parochiali Diui Niniani de Faterner / Legavit Domino Henrico Quhitwellis ad orandum pro anima sua ij. solidos Item curato de Logidurno ij. solidos similiter Residuum bonorum suorum legavit equaliter diuidendum inter suam vxorem et duos proles juniores in tribus partibus diuidendum / Et constituit suum filium seniore et vxorem suam suos executores testamentarios vnacum Domino Johanne Cristeson superiori ut disponant pro anima sua ut respondere voluerint in die judicii Super quibus prefatus Henricus petiit instrumentum Acta apud Blairdaif hora secunda post meridiem vel circiter presentibus Patricio et Vilelmo Cristisoun Dauid Bissat et me notario cum diuersis aliis .

Service on Blairdaff.² —(A.D. 1674.)

January 9, 1674 . Special service of Alexander Smith as nearest heir of his father William Smith of Midletoune in . . . the shady half of the town and lands of Blairdaff with the . . . pertinents . . . lying in the barony of Auchortes and sherifffdom of Aberdeen . . . held immediately in chief of the King for service of ward and relief . . .

Service on Whytewall.² —(A.D. 1689.)

February 28, 1689 . Special service of Alexander Black in Kintore as nearest heir of his father William Black in Whytewall in . . . the town

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

² [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

and lands of Whytewall (which are pendicles of the lands of Barclay) with the . . . pertinents . . . as the same were occupied . . . by John Patrie sometime possessor thereof . . . lying in the parish of Logiedurnoch and shire of Aberdeen . . . held in chief of King William and Queen Mary for service of ward and relief . . .

THE PARISH OF LESLIE.¹

*Carta feudifirme Johanni Leslie de eodem.*²—(A.D. 1561.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Dominus Thomas Raith vicarius ecclesie parochialis de Leslie salutem . . . [Noueritis me] . . . cum consensu . . . Johannis abbatis monasterii de Lundoris et conventus eiusdem . . . exigentibus . . . nonnullis gratitudinibus et benemeritis honorabilis viri Johannis Leslie de eodem ac pro certa summa pecunie . . . ad feudifirmam . . . hereditarie dimisisse . . . prefato Johanni suis heredibus et assignatis . . . terras meas ecclesiasticas cum gleba prefate mee vicarie de Leslie cum suis pertinentiis jacentes infra diocesim Aberdonensem et vicecomitatum eiusdem Tenendas . . . de me et successoribus meis vicariis dicte ecclesie in feudifirma . . . imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . michi et successoribus meis summam quatuor marcarum

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 545-555.]

On the thirteenth day of September, 1257, Pope Alexander IV. ratified the provision made by the Abbot and Convent of Lundoris to the vicar of the church of Lesly, of a yearly stipend of twelve merks, the whole altarage, the manse and kirk land, with the half of the teind sheaves of the town of Henry Johnson.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., pp. 23-26.)

² [Abridged from the original in the possession of the late Patrick Rose, Esq., Sheriff-Clerk of Banffshire.]

On the fifteenth day of February, 1583-4, John Leslie of that Ilk conveyed the above lands to his grandson John Leslie, the son of Patrick Leslie and his wife Issobella Leslie, daughter of the same John Leslie of that Ilk; to be held for yearly payment of forty-five shillings four pennies Scots: Walter Leslie in Auld Leslie, Bartholomew Leslie, and others, witnesses.—(Original *ibidem*.)

. . . monete . . . Scotie tanquam firmam . . . solitam necnon duos solidos . . . in augmentationem rentalis . . . Insuper dilectis meis Roberto Leslie in Auchmair Nicholao Murray . . . balliuis meis . . . vobis precipio . . . quatenus . . . sasinam . . . prefatarum terrarum prefatis Johanni vel suo certo attornato latori presentium . . . tradatis . . . reservata michi et successoribus meis manerea seu mansione dicte vicarie cum seminatione duarum bollarum ordeï ex orientali parte crofte de Gostach quequidem crofta vna pars dictarum terrarum ecclesiasticarum est In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti infeodationi mee manu mea subscribe sigillum meum proprium est appensum vna cum sigillo comuni capituli dicti monasterii et subscriptionibus manualibus dictorum Abbatis et Conuentus in signum eorum consensus . . . ad premissa . . . apud Edinburght et Lundoris respectiue primo die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo primo coram his testibus Magistro Joanne Leslie rectore de Wne Magistro Roberto Lummisdane de Clovay et Archibaldo Dempster in Coschenay cum diuersis aliis .

Thomas Raith vicar of Leslie wyth	Willelmus Symson
my hand	Andreas Froster
Johannes abbot of Lundoris	Thomas Woid
Jacobus Carstaris	Johannes Smyth
Alexander Patonsone	Gilbertus Mischell
Robertus Wilyemson	Johannes Wobster

Confirmatio Regis Georgio Leslie de eodem ejusque sponse.¹ —(A.D. 1505.)

Apud Abirdene . xxvi. [Octobris] . j^m. v^c. v. . Rex confirmavit Georgio Leslie de eodem et Margrete Frasere ejus sponse et eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et post eorum decessum legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Georgii quibuscunque octo mercatas terrarum de Chapelthouse in dominio de Garviauche infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas dictus Georgius personaliter resignavit .

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 154, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

Carta Capellanis Chori ecclesie collegiate Aberdonensis.¹ —(A.D. 1527.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Alexander Lesley et Cristina Lesley eius sponsa feodatarij . . . terrarum baronie de Lesley salutem . . . Noneritis nos cum . . . consensu . . . nobilis domicelle Jonete Lesley francmentarij et vsufructuarij terrarum dicte baronie pro toto tempore vite eiusdem . . . dedisse . . . ac titulo pure venditionis alienasse . . . Magistris Johanni Awaill Alexandro Wrycht Duncano Robertstone et David Barnys ceterisque Capellanis Chori ecclesie collegiate Abirdonensis et eorundem successoribus . . . vnum annum redditum quadraginta solidorum . . . monete . . . Scocie annuatim de terris nostris maneriei de Lesley et pertinentiis eiusdem jacentibus infra baroniam de Lesley et vicecomitatum de Abirdene . . . Tenendum . . . hujusmodi annum redditum . . . de nobis heredibus nostris dictarumque terrarum possessoribus in alba firma . . . Ac in speciale warantum damus . . . terras baronie nostre de Petnamwin jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardyn et baroniam de Balmain . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigilla nostra propria presentibus sunt appensa vnacum sigillo dicte Jonete in signum sui consensus . . . apud Abirdene nono die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vigesimo septimo coram his testibus Magistris Waltero Stewart Thoma Pyot et Thoma Lesley vnacum subscriptione manuali Alexandri Lesley .

Alex^r. Lesle of that Ilk with my hand .

Alexander Leslie de eodem presentat Margarete Leslie filie quondam Alexandri Leslie de eodem comparem ad contrahendum matrimonium.² —(A.D. 1544.)

Vigesimo primo Januarii anno Domini etc. xliij^o. Eodem die Alexander Leslie de eodem pro se et procuratorio nomine Johannis Leslie sui filii primogeniti et heredis apparentis ipso presente et consentiente accessit ad

¹ [Abridged from the original in the possession of the late Patrick Rose, Esq., Sheriff-Clerk of Banffshire.]

² [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

personalem presentiam honorabilis damicelle Margarete Leslie filie quondam Alexandri Leslie de eodem qui obtulit eedem Margarete comparem ad contrahendum matrimonium videlicet Johannem Leslie eius fratrem germanum vel Magistrum Thomam Mortymar ad placitum dicte Margarete quem habere voluerit et si obstat impedimentum consanguinitatis vel affinitatis ad obtinendum dispensationem summi pontificis fideliter promisit quod si refutauerit et aliter aut cum aliquo contraxerit matrimonium de remedio juris solempniter protestatus est Super quibus idem Alexander pro se et procuratorio nomine dicti sui filii a me notario petiit instrumentum Acta erant hec in aula de Leslie hora quasi pomeridiana quarta presentibus Domino Willelmo Cristesone Magistro Thoma Mortimar Thoma Red Alexandro Pattone et me notario publico .

Assedatio decimarum de Manys de Leslie Auld Leslie et Curtastoun.¹ —
(A.D. 1546.)

Vniuersis . . . nos Johannem . . . abbatem monasterij de Lundoris et eiusdem locj conuentus . . . salutem . . . Noueritis nos . . . vnanimi consensu . . . pro summa triginta librarum monete Scocie . . . per subscriptum honorabilem virum Johannem Leslie de eodem nobis gratanter persoluta . . . ad firmam dimisisse . . . prefato Johanni Lesly de eodem Elizabeth Dempstar eius sponse et eorum alterj diutius viuenti quibus

¹ [Abridged from the original in the possession of the late Patrick Rose, Esq., Sheriff-Clerk of Banffshire.

By contract, dated the twenty fifth day of November, 1890, Andrew of Lesley, lord of that Ilk, and Norman of Lesley, his son and heir, bound themselves to infest Andrew of Lesley, lord of the Syde, their kinsman (*consanguineum*) in an annual rent of £13 6s. 8d. from the barony of Lesly and the barony of Cushnie, and to procure the confirmation of the grant by George of Lesley.—(MS. notes of Leslie charters.) On the nineteenth day of August, 1618, George Leslie of that Ilk was served heir of Alexander Leslie of that Ilk, his brother.—(Inquisitiones Generales, no. 770.) On the twenty third day of January, 1623, John Leslie of New Leslie was served heir of Andrew Leslie of New Leslie, his father, in the lands of New Leslie.—(Inquisitiones Speciales Vicecomitatus Aberdonensis, no. 178.) On the twenty-seventh day of January, 1632, George Leslie of that Ilk was served heir of Malcolm Leslie, the great great great great grandfather of the great great great great grandfather of his father, of Normond Leslie, the great great great great grandfather of his great great great great grandfather, and of Normond Leslie, the great great great great grandfather of his great great grandfather.—(Inquisitiones Generales, nos. 1868, 1864-1865.)]

deficientibus eorum vnico assignato et subtenentibus pluribus aut vnj non maioris potentie seipsis . . . decimas nostras garbales de Manys de Leslie Auld Leslie et Curtastoun cum . . . pertinentiis jacentibus infra parochiam ecclesie nostre de Leslie et vicecomitatum de Abirden pro omnibus terminis nouemdecim annorum . . . Soluendo inde annuatim . . . summam quadraginta duarum marcarum monete Scocie videlicet pro decimis garbalibus de lie Manys de Leslie nouem marcas et pro decimis garbalibus de Auld Leslie tredecim marcas et pro decimis garbalibus de Curtastoun vigintj marcas . . . ad festum Sancti Laurentij Marthiris aut scilicet ad Festum Sancti Bartholomej annuatim . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum commune capitulj nostri presenti nostre assedationj est appensum ac nostris subscriptionibus manualibus subscripte apud dictum monasterium de Lundoris die decimo mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo sexto coram hiis testibus venerabilibus et honorabilibus viris Magistris Jacobo Rolland priore de Balquhiddel Roberto Lausoun Johanne Rolland Johanne Philp vicario de Logielorno Henrico Philp Michaele Inch Jacobo Smyth Andrea Paigh et Johanne Bennat cum diversis aliis .

Johannes abbot of Lundoris	Alex ^r . Patonson
Johannes Brownhill supprior eiusdem	Robertus Jameson
Johannes Blair	Robertus Wilyemson
Ricardus Barcar	Robertus Wostnatter
Patricius Steill	Jacobus Carstaris
Willelmus Messon	Johannes Skynnir
Alex ^r . Wrycht	Willelmus Walhand
Alex ^r . Ricardsoun	Gilbertus Mischell
David Orem	Andreas Vod
Andreas Lesly	Johannes Smyth

Service on Curtestoun Johnston etc. ¹ — A.D. 1672.)

February 28, 1672 . Special service of John Leith as nearest heir of his

[Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem. A note of the boundaries between Curtistoun and Achtlyn will be found in the Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 243.]

father John Leith of Whytehaugh in . . . the towns and lands of Courtestown Drumgowand and Brae with the mill commonly called the Mill of Auchmair and mill lands multures . . . and pertinents . . . lying in the parishes of Leslie and Tullienessell respectively and sheriffdom of Aberdeen and also . . . the tithes parsonage and vicarage of said towns and lands mill and mill lands with . . . the tithes of . . . the towns and lands of Johnston with mill of Johnston mill lands . . . and pertinents lying in the parish of Leslie and shire of Aberdeen which tithes . . . are annexed and incorporated into the town and lands of Courtestown and also . . . the town and lands of Johnston with the meal mill mill lands and multures . . . with their pertinents lying in the barony of Johnston . . . with . . . the yearly feu duty of four pounds Scots payable for the whole of said lands of Johnston . . . Which towns and lands of Courtestown Drumgowand and Brae with the Mill of Auchmair . . . and pertinents and the tithes of said lands and of the lands of Johnston . . . are held immediately of the King in fee heritage and free blench farm perpetually for yearly payment of one penny Scots . . . as also for yearly payment of another penny Scots for said tithes . . . Which town and lands of Johnston . . . are held in chief of Alexander Lord Saltoun in feu farm for yearly payment of four pounds Scots . . .

Service on Leslie.¹ —(A.D. 1691.)

October 7, 1691 . Special service of David Forbes as nearest heir of his brother James Forbes of Leslie in . . . the dominical lands of Leslie with the tower forts manor place houses etc. in . . . the lands of Auldleslie Chappelltown Towleys with the meal and fullers mills of Leslie mill lands multures . . . pendicles etc. . . . in . . . the town and lands of Edingarack as much property as tenendry with the . . . pertinents . . . all lying in the barrony of Leslie and shire of Aberdeen and also in . . . the tithes rectorial and vicarage of . . . said town and lands of Edingarack . . . Also in . . . the towns and lands of Auld and New Flanders with the croft and fullers mill . . . and . . . pertinents lying in the parish of Kinnethmont and shire of Aberdeen and also in

¹ [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

. . . the tithes rectorial and vicarage of . . . the towns and lands of Auchlevin Kirktown of Premnay as much thereof as belonged to Patrick Leith of Lukliehead . . . the town and lands of Lukliehead with the dominical lands of Lukliehead . . . the town and lands of Bradfoord . . . the town and lands of Newbigging commonly called Milnebigging . . . and of . . . the town and lands of Pilmyre with the . . . pertinents sometime belonging to the said Patrick Leith all lying in said parish of Premnay and shire of Aberdeen and also in . . . the free burgh of barony of Auld Leslie with full power of a burgh of barony within said burgh . . . all . . . incorporated into one . . . barony called the barony of Leslie Forbes according to a charter under the great seal by Charles II. to the deceased William Forbes of Leslie in liferent and John Forbes of Leslie his son and his heirs male and assignees in fee dated 25 June 1649 . . . and . . . held of the King and Queen and their successors in fee heritage and free barony . . . for yearly payment . . . of the sum of three pennies Scots . . . and also for yearly payment for said lands of Edingarrack . . . with the commony and common pasturage . . . of two pennies Scots . . . besides yearly payment for . . . said lands of Auld and New Flinders . . . of the sum of twenty four pounds Scots . . .

THE PARISH OF PREMNAV.¹

[In festo] Sancti Carani episcopi et confessoris qui apud Fetteresso et Premecht colitur.²

Ad Vesperas · Oracio · Deus omnium creator et rector cuius bonitate ex nichilo facta sunt omnia exaudi famulos tuos ad te jugiter clamantes ut inter-

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 550-552.

On the thirteenth day of September, 1257, Pope Alexander IV. ratified the provision made by the Abbot and Convent of Lundoris to the vicar of the church of Prameth of a yearly stipend of sixteen merks, the whole altarage of the church, an acre of land for a manse next the church, with the teind sheaves of the land of the town of Prameth then cultivated, lying on the north side of the rivulet, called the Gaudy, and with the brewhouse of the town of Prameth —(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., pp. 23-26.)]

² [From the Brevarium Aberdonense, prop. Sanctorum pro tempore hyemali, fol. xxiiij.]

cedente Beato Carano confessore tuo atque pontifice a penis nobis pro peccatis debitis misericorditer eripi valeamus . Per [Dominum nostrum etc.]

Ad Matutinas novem lectiones fiant omnia de communi unius confessoris et pontificis .

Confirmatio Regis David de Wemys.¹ —(A.D. 1488.)

Apud Sanctum Andream . iv. Decembris . j^m. cccc. lxxxviii. . Rex tanquam tutor carissimi fratris sui Johannis comitis de Mar etc. confirmavit cartam Johannis Wemys de eodem militis [in qua concessit predilecto filio suo Daud de Wemys terras de Auchlevin Ardine et Harlaw in comitatu de Mar infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Tenendas a domino Comite de Mar in feodo etc. Reddendo annuatim dicto domino Comiti unum calcar deauratum apud capitale messuagium dictarum terrarum de Auchlevin nomine albe firme ad Penthecosten si petatur tantum Testibus Georgio Parkle de eodem Johanne Mailvill Daud Malevill Waltero Arnot Jacobo Malevill Thoma Foret Domino Alexandro Wemys capellano Michaelae Wemys Johanne Man Henrico Mailvill Thoma Kirkpatrick et Henrico Mailvill juniore . Apud Edinburghe . xii. Julii . j^m. cccc. lxxxvii.]

Carta confirmacionis Walteri Innes de Henormarke super carta sibi facta per Daud Wemys de Auchlevin de dimedia parte terrarum de Auchlevin Ardune et Harelaw in comitatu de Mar.² —(A.D. 1490.)

Apud Perth . xviii. Julii . j^m. cccc. xc. . Rex tanquam tutor et gubernator carissimi fratris sui Johannis comitis de Mar etc. cum auisamento

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xii., no. 72, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

On the third day of January, 1458, Walter Ogilvy of Deskfurde, knight, sold to Laurence Pyot, archdeacon of Aberdeen, an annual rent of six merks from his lands of Auchleuyn in the earldom of Garioch; and the Archdeacon again, six months afterwards, sold this annual rent to John Clat, canon of Aberdeen.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., pp. 271-275.) In the year 1457, John Clat bequeathed this annual rent and others to a chaplain to pray, at the altar of St. Katarine, in the Cathedral of Aberdeen, for the souls of King James II., of Alexander Stewart, earl of Mar, of the founder, and of his father and mother. The chaplain was to be presented by the Dean and Chapter, and to be allowed to hold no other office.—(Id., vol. i., p. 279.)]

² [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xii., no. 221, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

consilii sui confirmavit cartam Daud Wemis de Auchlevin [in qua vendidit et alienavit Waltero Innes de Henormerke dimidiam partem terrarum de Auchlevin Ardune et Harlaw in comitatu de Mar infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene pro quadam certa summa pecunie persoluta . Tenendam de nobili et potente domino Comite de Mar et suis successoribus in feodo . Reddendo annuatim predicto domino Comiti de Mar et suis successoribus unum calcar deauratum apud capitale messuagium de Auchlevin nomine albe firme ad Festum Penthecostes si petatur tantum sic quod si libeat dicto domino Comiti aut suis successoribus leuare dictum calcar tantummodo de predicta dimidietate altera pars videlicet quam Henricus Lethe de *le Barnis* tenet relevabit dicto Waltero de dimidietate dicti calcaris . Testibus Andrea Barry Daud Weddirburne Domino Jacobo Craill capellano Waltero Dugud et Magistro David Craill notario publico Roberto Foret de eodem Thoma Foret et Ellese Foret . Apud Dunde . xvij. Julij . j^m. cccc. xc.] Testibus Roberto episcopo Glasguensi Willemo episcopo Abirdonensi David duce de Montrose comite Craufurdie domino Lindissay Colino comite de Ergile Patricio comite de Boithville Alexandro Hume de eodem magno camerario Willemo domino Sancti Johannis magistro hospicii ac thesaurario Johanne domino Glammys Johanne domino Drummond Johanne priore Sancti Andree secreti sigilli custode Andrea domino Oliphant Ricardo Murhede decano Glasguensi rotulorum et registri ac consilii clerico Archibaldo Quhitelaw subdecano Glasguensi secretario .

Carta confirmacionis Henrici Lethe de *le Barnys* super carta sibi facta per Dominum Daud Wemys de alia dimedia parte terrarum predictarum. ¹ —(A.D. 1490.)

Apud Dunde . xviii. Julii . j^m. cccc. xc. . Rex tanquam tutor et gubernator carissimi fratris sui Johannis comitis de Mar etc. cum ausamento consilii sui confirmavit cartam David Wemys de Auchlevin [in qua vendidit et alienavit Henrico Lethe de *le Barnys* heredibus suis et assignatis dimidiam partem terrarum de Auchlevin Ardune et Harelaw in comitatu de Mar infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene pro quadam certa summa pecunie

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xli., no. 222, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

persoluta . Tenendam de nobili et potente domino Comite de Mar et suis successoribus in feodo etc. Reddendo annuatim prefato domino Comiti de Mar et suis successoribus vnum calcar deauratum apud capitale messuagium de Auchlevin nomine albe firme ad Festum Penthecostes si petatur tantum sic quod si libeat dicto domino Comiti etc. leuare dictum calcar tantummodo de predicta dimidietate altera pars quam Walterus Innes de Henormarke tenet releuabit dicto Henrico de dimidietate dicti calcaris Testibus Andrea Barry David Weddirburne Domino Jacobo Craill capellano Waltero Dogud et Magistro David Craill notario publico . Apud Dundee . xvii. Julii . j^m. cccc. xc.]

Lease of the vicarage teinds of the Mains of Leslie and Edingarrach.¹ —
(A.D. 1579.)

Be it kende till all men . . . me Jhone Leslie vicar perpetuall of Pramoth . . . within the regalite of Garyeaucht diosie and shirefilome of Abirdene . . . with consent of the Precedent and Chaptur of Abirdene . . . to haue sett . . . to ane honorabill man Jhone Leslie of that Ilk and to his aris and assignais . . . the wicarage of the Manes of Leslie and of hail landis of Edingarrach sa far as lyis within the paroche of Pramay . . . that is to say teind hay teind nolt teind cheis teind lint teind and all otheris emolumentis pertening or may pertene to the wicarage of the saidis landis with thair pertinentis . . . for the hail space . . . of thre yeris . . . following the entres thairto quhilk . . . sal be at the Feist of the Inuentione of the Cross callit the Ruid Day the yere of God ane thousand fywe hundredreht sewinte and aucht yeris and fra thre yeris to thre yeris indvringe the space of nyntene yeris . . . and fra thre yeris to thre yeris indvring the space of wthir nyntene yeris . . . following the first nyntene yeris . . . Payand thairfor yerlie . . . to me and my successoris . . . the soume of fourte schillingis Scottis monie at the Feist of Pashe allanarlie . . . In witnes of the quhilkis to this my assedatione subscriuit with my hand togyddir with the subscriptionis of the said Presedent and Chanonis my seall is appensit to the same at Abirdeyne the twenty sewint of Januare the yere of God ane thousand fywe hundredreht sewinte and aucht yeris

¹ [Abridged from the original in the possession of the late Patrick Rose, Esq., Sheriff-Clerk of Banffshire.]

befoir thir witnes Androw Annand masar burges of Doundie Valter Leslie in Auld Leslie Malcolme Layng Alexander Clerk in Kyntor and Maister Robert Roust notair public Maisteris Robert Lumisden of Clowat Williame Daidsonne and Gilbert Ross notair publict .

Johnne Leslye vicar of Premnaucht with my hand .

Abirdonensis Episcopus

Mr. Robert Merser of Banqhory

Willelmus Setone cancellarius Aber-

Devynik

donensis

John Collison subchantur of Abd.

Jacobus Erskyne archidiaconus Abir-

Mr. Thomas Burnett persoun of

donensis

Metlik

Service on Barnes etc.¹ —(A.D. 1678.)

February 27, 1678 . Special service of Robert Leith as nearest heir of his father George Leith of Overbarnes in . . . the east or upper half of the Mains of Barnes and also in . . . the sunny and shady halves of the Northward of the Mains of Barnes with the . . . pertinents . . . bounded . . . according to the tenor of the infeftment . . . in favor of the late George Leith of Overhall great grandfather of the said Robert Leith and also in . . . the half of the town and lands of Westfield and half of the Dauchs and half of the Milltown with the half of the mill of the same the mill lands and multures and also with the half of the lands of Boggs with the pertinents videlicet Blackbog Hairbog Millbog and Wandbogg . . . and also in . . . the towns and land of Hedderlick with the . . . pertinents lying in the parish of Premnay and shire of Aberdeen . . . Which . . . halves . . . of the Mains of Barnis . . . Northward of the Mains of Barns . . . Westfield and Earlefield with the half of said Dauchs . . . Boggs and pertinents . . . are held in chief of the King for service of ward and relief and the . . . lands of Hedderlick . . . formerly held of Mr. William Rait minister at Kincaldrum are now held of the King . . . for yearly payment of three pounds Scots in name of feufarm . . .

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.

On the twenty-third day of January, 1623, John Leslie of New Leslie was served heir of Andrew Leslie of New Leslie, his father, in these lands of Eddirlick, the shady half of the town and lands of Rothnays and the teind sheaves.—(Inquisitiones Speciales Vicecomitatus Aberdonensis, no. 178.)]

Service on Kirktown of Premnay.¹ —(A.D. 1678.)

April 3, 1678 . Special service of Robert Leith as nearest heir of George Leith of Overbarnes his great grandfather in . . . eight oxgangs of the lands of Kirktown of Premnay with their pertinents . . . of which oxgangs four were let in feufarm by John commendator of Lundoris and the convent thereof to William Leith of Barnes grandfather of the said George Leith and four were let by Patrick commendator of Lundoris and his convent to John Leith son and heir of the said George Leith portioner of Newtown which four oxgangs the said John Leith disposed to the said George Leith lying in the barony of Culsalmond regality of Lundoris and shire of Aberdeen Which eight oxgangs . . . were held of Mr. William Forbes and on the decease of Sir William Forbes his son are now held of the King . . . for yearly payment . . . of seven merks . . . and also with three suits at three head courts of the regality of Lundoris held in the barony of Culsalmond yearly . . .

THE PARISH OF INCH.²

Querela Curati de Inchis super Clerico deputato eiusdem parrochie.³ —
(A.D. 1536.)

Decimo septimo Januarii anno [j^m. v^o.] xxxv^{to}. Eodem die personaliter

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the ninth day of February, 1700, George Leith was served nearest heir of his father, Robert Leith of Overhall, in the town and lands of Hedderleck, and eight oxgangs of the Kirktown of Premnay, and in the lands called the Kirk-plough of Premnay.—(Ibid.)]

² [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 552-556.]

Pope Alexander IV., on the thirteenth day of September, 1257, ratified the provision made by the abbot and convent of Lundoris to the vicar of the parish of Inchmabayn, of a yearly stipend of twenty merks, the whole altarage, an acre of land for a manse next the church, the teind sheaves of Drumrossin, and the third part of the teind sheaves of the town of Inchmabayn.—(Registrum Episcopatus Abirdonensis, vol. i., pp. 23-26.)]

³ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

constitutus Willelmus Andersone curatus de Inchis accessit ad personalem presenciam Magistri Duncani Oudny decani de Gareaucht / dicendo et allegando dictum Decanum potestatem habuisse corrigendi defectus in dicto decanatu lamentabiliter conqueritur quod Andreas Gardyne assertus clericus deputatus de Inchis / in die Sancte Epiphanie vltime elapso in presencia sacramenti et coram parrochianis talia verba iniurie sibi dixit protulisse / *And ye gar me gang furth of the kyrk gif I be cursit I sall do ane cursit deid and gif you with ane quhynger* / minando eundem / quia precepit ipsum exire de templo cum idem fuerit excommunicatus quod probare intendit ut asseruit / de remedio juris protestatur Et quod idem Andreas non debet ministrare sibi in altare neque parrochianis / humiliter deprecatus est dictum Decanum quatenus faceret diligentem examinationem tempore dilacionis excessuum si talia fuissent vera Et si talia forent vera ut dictum est quod sibi prouideat de clerico deputato et . . . impensis clerici principalis Super quibus petiit instrumentum Acta infra ecclesiam parrochiale de Inchis hora xj ante meridiem presentibus Dominis Angusio Duncani David Andree capellanis et Johanne Oudny .

Carta Comitibus David.¹ —(circa A.D. 1200.)

Comes David frater Regis Scocie omnibus has literas uidentibus et audientibus Salutem . Noueritis me et heredes meos dedisse remisisse et quietos clamasse . G . comiti de Mar et heredibus suis . Gillecriste filium Gillekuongal . et duos Gillecristos . et Gillenem . et Gillemarte . iiij^{or} filios . set eos quietos et heredes eorum ab omnibus mihi uel heredibus pertinentibus . Hiis testibus . Malisio filio comitis Fertet . W. Olifard . duobus Henricis filiis Comitibus . Johanne de Wiltone . Kinet iudice . H. de Boiuille . Normanno constabulario . Dunecano maro . et aliis multis .

¹ [From the original in the British Museum, printed in *Illustrations of Scottish History from the Twelfth to the Sixteenth Century*, pp. 28, 24. Glasg., 1884. Printed for the Maitland Club.]

Carta burgensium Comitis David. ¹ —(A.D. 1199.)

Johannes Dei gracia *etc.* Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et presenti carta nostra confirmasse burgensibus Comitis Davidd fratris Regis Scotie de Dundee quod sint liberi et quieti de teloneo et de omnibus aliis consuetudinibus que ad nos pertinent per omnes terras nostras excepta civitate Londonensi . Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus quod nullus teloneum vel aliquam aliam consuetudinem ab eis capiat vel exigit per terras nostras nisi in predicta civitate Londonensi . Testibus . W. Rothomagensi . G. Eboracensi . archiepiscopis . H. Sarisburiensi episcopo . W. Mariscallo *etc.* Data per manum S. Wellensis archidiaconi et Johannis de Gray . apud Rupem Andol'. xxvj. die Octobris . regni nostri anno primo .

Carta Regine Scotie. ² —(A.D. 1452.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxvj^o. die Augusti anno Domini m^o. cccc^o. lij^o. . Carta consorti Regis Regine Scotie pro toto tempore vite sue de omnibus et singulis terris Comitatus Regis de Garioch cum pertinentiis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene tenendis de Rege in libera regalia seu regalitate Testibus Jacobo episcopo Sancti Andree Willemo episcopo Glasguensi Willemo domino Crechtoun Regis cancellario Willemo domino Somerville Andrea domino le Gray magistro hospitii Regis Nicholao Ottirburn Regis secretario et Georgio de Schoriswod clerico Regis rectore de Cultre .

Service on Dunnydeir. ³ —(A.D. 1684.)

June 4, 1684 . Special service of John Tyrie as nearest heir of his father David Tyrie of Dunnydeir in . . . the lands of Dunydeir and

¹ [From Stevenson's *Illustrations of Scottish History*, pp. 15, 16.]

² [From the *Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli*, lib. iv., no. 117, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

³ [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

mill . . . mill lands . . . etc. with the pendicle . . . called Poyck and . . . pertinents . . . lying in the parish of Insh and lordship of Garioch and shire of Aberdeen . . . held of . . . Charles earl of Marr lord Erskin and Garioch . . . in fee and heritage perpetually for yearly payment . . . of the sum of twenty pounds Scots . . . with two marts and twenty four and four dozen of capons . . .

Decreet Arbitral upon Mekil Wardris. ¹—(A.D. 1446.)

We Alexander of Setoun erle of Huntlie and lorde of Gordounne Alexander lorde of Forbes Alexander Irwyn of Drum Jhone of Forbes Williame of Lesly knyght James of Forbes Alexander of Irwyn James of Sken and Gilbert Meignes submissouris chosin apone the debatis and clame of airschiþe betwix Alexander of Forbes and Malcolme of Forbes the sonnys umquhil of Sir Williame of Forbes of Kynnaldy riply auisit with ane assent has determynit and concludit the said clame and debatis for sentence definitif in maner and fourm as efter folouis that is to say in the first we conclude and determynise the said Alexander lachfull and full ayer til his fadir Ser Williame forsaide of all and sindry the landes of the quhilkis his forsaide fadir Ser Williame deit vest and sesit as of fee within the kynryk of Scotlande and fynlis of na valor the clamys made be the saide Malcolm bot adnullis thaim now and for euer. Item we

¹ [From the original in the charter chest of Sir John Stuart Forbes of Pitsligo and Fettercairn, baronet.]

On the nineteenth day of February, 1466, a decreet arbitral was pronounced between Sir John Ogilvie of Lintrethan, knight, and Alexander Forbes of Kynnaldy, adjudging the lands of Mekill Warderis to William Forbes, son and heir of the same Alexander Forbes of Kynnaldy, and to Mariot Ogilvie his wife, the daughter of the same Sir John Ogilvie of Lintrethan, in conjunct fee as formerly held by them. On the twenty-second day of May, 1562, Alexander Forbes of Pitsligo granted the half part of Mekill Wardes to John Forbes, his third son, and Agnes Gray his wife, in reversion, on payment of the sum of three hundred merks. On the fourteenth day of September, 1563, William Forbes of Pitsligo granted the lands of Newton of Mekill Wardes, extending to three ploughs, to Mr. Arthur Forbes his brother. On the twelfth day of July, 1569, Alexander Forbes of Pitsligo conveyed sixteen bovates of the lands of Mekill Wardes, lying in the barony of Pitsligo by annexation, to Mr. Arthur Forbes, portioner of Mekill Wardes, and Margaret Leslie his wife. On the twenty-first day of March, 1589, Robert Forbes, son and heir of the deceased Mr. Arthur Forbes, portioner of Mekill Wardes, was seised in sixteen bovates of Mekill Wardes and three ploughs of Newton of Mekill Wardes upon precept of clare constat, granted by John Forbes of Pitsligo.—[Originals in the charter chest of Sir John Stuart Forbes of Pitsligo and Fettercairn, baronet.]

ordande and concludis the said Malcolm to be man to the said Alexander for term of his lyf befor all vthir next the King for the quhilk manrent we ordande the said Alexander to gif the saide Malcolm Mekil Wardris in the Garuiach in fee and heritage euer and ay quhil the saide Alexander or his ayeris pay to the said Malcolm or his ayeris fourten scor of markis of vsuale monee of Scotlande apon a day but fraud or gile . And the saide Malcolm sal halde the saide landes of the saide Alexander and his ayeris . And the forsaid Alexander sal discharge the saide Malcolm of all seruice anent the our lorde . And the saide Alexander sall gif possessione and charter to the said Malcolm within twenty dais efter at he sall get possessione of the said Wardris . And gif it sal happyne the said landes of Wardris to be wonnyn lachfully fra the said Malcolm the said Alexander sal mak hym als mykil lande in til cunnable place quhil the forsaide soum be fully content and payt . Item the said Alexander sal mak the said Malcolm [fre] of the tress of the said Wardris . In witness of this our decret our selis ar appensit at Culsalmonde the xxi. day of Maii the yher of grace a thousande four hundrethe fourty and sex .

Carta mortificationis capelle Sancte Marie de Garviache. ¹ —(A.D. 1474.)

Apud . . . xxviii. Novembris . j^m. cccc. lxxiv. . Rex dedit cartam mortificationis in forma majori de annuo redditu duodecim mercarum de terris de Balcomy infra vicecomitatum de Fiff quibus deficientibus de terris de Wardris et Quyltpat infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene mortificato per Alexandrum Lesly de Wardris ad sustentacionem unius capellani annuatim celebraturi ad capellam Sancte Marie de Garviache pro animabus dicti Alexandri et Isabelle sponse sue etc.

Service on Inch. ² —(A.D. 1680.)

April 14, 1680 . Special service of Mr John Ross minister at Foveran

¹ [From the *Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli*, lib. vii., no. 317, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, MS. in *archivis ejusdem*.]

On the fifteenth day of April, 1681, Mr. Alexander Ross was served heir of the above named

as nearest heir to his father Mr Alexander Ross sometime minister at Monymusk in . . . the lands of Inch with the . . . crofts . . . and also in the burgh of barony of Inch with the privilege . . . of all markets and market places thereof and . . . commodities of the same . . . and also in . . . the mill of Inch with the mill lands multures . . . and specially the astrict multures and sequells of . . . the lands of Flindors Chrysts Kirk Inch and Hedderlick and the Temple croft which is part . . . of said lands of Chrysts Kirk . . . lying in the regality of Lindors and shire of Aberdeen which . . . were held by John Ross reader at the church of Birse his grandfather of the deceased Sir William Forbes of Craigievar knight baronet . . . in feu farm fee and heritage for yearly payment . . . of the sum of eighteen pundis Scots . . . as the just part and portion of the sum of twenty nine pundis fourteen shillings and eight pence Scots for said lands and the lands of Hedderlick and Chrysts Kirk payable of old and by the original charters of Mr John Leslie of Wardis with three suits of court at the three head courts of the said Sir William Forbes of Craigievar held yearly at Culsalmund . . . Which whole lands mill burgh of barony and others . . . are now held in chief of the King . . .

Concessio Regia Duncano Forbes ejusque sponse. ¹ —(A.D. 1505.)

Apud Linlithgw . vii. Julii . j^m. v^c. v. . Rex tanquam dominus superior

Mr. John Ross, (styled Dr. John Ross of Inch, formerly minister at Foveran), his father, in the lands mentioned in his father's service.—(Ibid.)

On the twenty-third day of January, 1623, John Leslie of New Leslie was served heir of Andrew Leslie of New Leslie, his father, in the lands of Insche, with the mill, and the multures of the towns of Flunderis, Christiskirk, Largieinche, Eddirlick, the brewhouse of Insche, the lands of Elderlick and Chrystiskirk within the regality of Lundoris, the Kirklands of Chrystiskirk, the glebe of the vicarage of Chrystiskirk of Rothmurriell, with the teinda, being part of the patrimony of the vicarage of Kennethmount, the Templar lands of Rothmurriell or Chrystiskirk, with the teind sheaves, and the office of bailliar of these lands, the shady half of the town and lands of Drumrossie and Rothnays, the Dalhairbog and Dalblakboig, with the half of the mill and common pasture in the forest of Bannochie, the lands of New Leslie within the barony of Leslie and regality of Garioch, and the teind sheaves of the towns and lands of Christiskirk, Kirklands, and Temple croft, of the town and lands of Edderlick, and of the town and lands of the shady half of Rothnays and Drumrossie, in the parishes of Kinnethmount, Preunay, and Insche, and regality of Garioch.—(Inquisitiones Speciales Vicecomitatus Aberdonensis, no. 178.)]

¹ [From the *Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli*, lib. xiv., no. 109, M.S. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

concessit Duncano Forbes in Skeyne et Cristine Mersare ejus sponse et eorum alteri diucius viventi heredibus et assignatis suis terras de Litill Johnisleis extendentes ad decem libratas in regalitate de Garviauche infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene terras de Tulydoune extendentes ad octo mercatas in baronia de Abirkerdour infra vicecomitatum de Banff Que terre de Litill Johnisleis pertinuerunt Patricio Gordoune in Durnoche et de Rege per servicium warde et relevii in capite tente ac appreciate fuerunt pro summa centum et sexaginta mercarum et quas terras dicti David et Cristina acquisiverunt in partem solutionis certorum bonorum per dictos Patricium et Alexandrum Innes ac Alexandrum Balbirny sibi debitorum videlicet triginta bovium quinquaginta vaccarum precium pecie viginti solidi octo denarii quadraginta ovium matricium et *le wedderis* precium pecie tres solidi nouem equorum et jumentorum precium pecie triginta solidi unacum proficuis dictorum bonorum annuatim per spacium sexdecim annorum elapsorum videlicet cujuslibet bovis de una et dimidia bolla ferrine precium bolle sex solidi cujuslibet vacce quinque solidi cujuslibet ovis duodecim denarii et cujuslibet equi et jumentum sex solidi Et voluit Rex quod dicti Alexander Innes et Patricius Gordoune et heredes sui habeant plenum regressum quandocunque persoluerint dictas summas infra septennium .

Concessio Regis Willelmo Gordoune. ¹ —(A.D. 1507.)

Apud Edinburghe . xiii. Septembris . j^m. v^o. vii. . Rex concessit Willelmo Gordoune filio et heredi apparenti Patricii Gordoune in Fulzemont et heredibus suis terras de Johnisleis cum molendino earundem in regalitate de Garviache infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene que clamate fuerunt per Willelmum Blakhaw de eodem sibi in superioritate pertinere et per Duncanum Forbes in Skene et Cristinam Merser ejus sponsam in proprietate per cartam per Regem eis concessam post earum appreciationem pro summa tricentarum mercarum factam in partem solucionis majoris summe et que terre fuerunt eciam dicti Patricii in proprietate hereditarie ante dictam appreciationem et nunc redempte et relaxate a dictis Duncano et Cristina et conqueste a dicto Willelmo Blakhaw cum

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 396, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

clameo suo in superioritate earundem et quas ipsi respective resignaverunt Reservato dicto Patricio patri libero tenemento earundem.

Inquisitio Alexandri Gordone.¹ —(A.D. 1511.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene decimo nono die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo vndecimo coram nobili et prepotente domino Willelmo comite de Erroll domino Hay ac vicecomite de Aberdene in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia vicecomitis pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Willelmum Fraser de Phil-lorth militem Georgeum Meldrum de Fyvie Willelmum Lesly de Balquhane Johannem Leslie de Warderis Robertum Gordone de Vthaw Walterum Berclay de Towy Jacobum Chene de Straloche Gilbertum Waus de Many Willelmum Jhonestone de eodem Willelmum Turing de Foverne Johannem Forbes de Brux Ranaldum Oudny de eodem Andream Tulidef de eodem Andream Strathachin de Ordley et Thomam Craford filium et heredem apparentem Willelmi Craford de Federay Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Johannes Gordone pater Alexandri Gordon latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de quarta parte terrarum de Vuerbodome cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in regalitate de Gareache infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Alexander est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam patris sui de dicta quarta parte terrarum cum suis pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicta quarta pars terrarum cum pertinenciis valet nunc per annum septem marcas et quod valuit quatuor marcas tempore pacis Et quod tenetur in capite de Domino de Bodovme in alba firma Reddendo inde annuatim vnum denarium vsualis monete Scocie nomine albe firme Et nunc existit in manibus dicti Domini de Bodovme domini superioris earundem legitime per seipsum per decessum dicti quondam Johannis patris sui a festo Sancti Andree Apostoli datam presentis immediate precedentis in defectu veri

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i, MS. in archivis ejusdem.

On the thirtieth day of September, 1511, Nicholaya Forbes, the widow of the above named John Gordone, was found entitled to her terce of these lands and the lands of Carnelstoun.—(Ibid.)]

heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis Datum et clausum sub sigillo officij dicti domini vicecomitis ac sigillis quorundam eorum qui huic inquisitioni intererant faciende .

Service on Boddom.¹ —(A.D. 1695.)

December 20, 1695 . Special service of Thomas Gordon as nearest heir of his father George Gordon of Netherboddom in . . . the town and lands of Netherboddom with that part called the Bass the town and lands of Over Boddom with the mill mill lands multures . . . and pertinents . . . lying in the parish of Inch and shire of Aberdeen . . . held of the King in fee and heritage perpetually for service of ward and relief . . .

THE PARISH OF CULSALMOND.²

Carta feudifirme Henrico Leslye ejusque sponse.³ —(A.D. 1545.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Johannes . . . abbas monasterij de Lunderis et eiusdem loci conuentus . . . salutem . . . Noueritis nos vnanimi consensu . . . pro summa quinquaginta marcarum monete Scocie

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the twenty-second day of June, 1698, Alexander Gordon was served heir to George Gordon of Nether Boddom, his brother-german, in the lands above named.—(Ibid.)]

² [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 556, 557.]

The church of Culsalmond, or Culsamuel, belonged to the abbot and convent of Lunderis, who provided the vicar in a yearly stipend of twenty merks, the whole altarage, with the manse next the church, the kirk land with its teind, and the teind of the mill, a brewhouse on the kirkland, and the third part of the teind sheaves of Normanstown: this provision was ratified by Pope Alexander IV. in the year 1257.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., pp. 23-26.) In the year 1545, the abbot and convent of Lunderis feued the kirktown of Culsalmond to William Galloway nephew through his brother to Mr. Alexander Galloway, canon of Aberdeen.—(Id., vol. i., p. 480.)]

³ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Fetternear.]

nobis per honorabilem virum Henricum Leslye . . . persoluta . . . dedisse . . . et ad feudifirmam . . . imperpetuum dimisisse . . . prefato Henrico Leslye et Jonete Keith sue sponse et heredibus masculis inter ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus masculis dicti Henrici quibuscumque . . . terras nostras de Largye cum suis pertinentijs nunc occupatas per dictum Henricum Leslye . . . jacentes infra baroniam de Colsalmond vicecomitatum de Abirdene et regalitatem de Lundoris Tenendas . . . de nobis et successoribus nostris in feudifirma et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris . . . ubi ceteri tenentes et colonii . . . solvunt suas firmas pro terris dicte baronie de Colsalmond . . . decimis garbalibus earundem exceptis summam quinque marcarum monete Scocie . . . ac faciendo tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia curie nostre de Colsalmond et quod compareant ad curias nostras justiciarie et camerarie per se suos essonios seu procuratores cum ad hoc fuerint requisiti vnacum sustentatione quarte partis vnus equi et serui pedestris . . . tempore belli in exercitu Regio contra inuasores regni quociens euenire contigerit . . . aut summam tresdecem solidorum et quatuor denariorum pro quarta parte dicti equi tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum commune dicti nostri monasterij vnacum nostris subscriptionibus manualibus presentibus est appensum apud nostrum monasterium de Lundoris die decimo mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragésimo quinto coram hiis testibus honorabilibus et discretis viris Johanne Setoun de Dusblair David Chalmer de Hedderuik Malcolmo Crukschank Magistris Johanne Rolland et Johanne Philp capellanis et Thoma Michelsoun notario publico cum diuersis aliis .

Johannes abbas de Lundoris

Johannes Brownhill supprior
eiusdem

Johannes Blair ad eundem

Ricardus Barcar

Willelmus Wealliande

Willelmus Mischell

Patricius Steyll

Robertus Jamyson

Andreas Vod

Robertus Wilyemsoun

Robertus Wostuatter

Andreas Lesly

Alex^r. Wrycht

Paulus Shedow

Willelmus Messon

Alex^r. Patonson

Dauid Orem

Jacobus Carstaris

Johannes Symmer

THE PARISH OF BETHELNIE.¹

*Achinhufe cum decimis eiusdem cum decimis ecclesie de Bothelnye et decimis baronie de Scheves assedatur Ade Hepburn et suis assignatis.*² —(A.D. 1506.)

Uniuersis pateat . . . nos Georgium . . . abbatem . . . de Abirbrothoc . . . assedasse . . . fratri nostro germano Ade Hepburn domino de Cragge et suis assignatis et subtenentibus . . . villam nostram de Auchnuyfe cum . . . decimis garbalibus eius iacentem infra baroniam nostram de Terwas unacum . . . decimis garbalibus ecclesie nostre de Bothelny et decimis garbalibus baronie de Schewes iacentis infra parochiam ecclesie nostre de Terwes pro terminis decem et nouem annorum . Soluendo . . . pro firma et decimis . . . de Auchinhufe vi. libras xiii. s. iiii. d. . . monete Scocie ad Festa . . . Penthecostes et Sancti Martini . . . et pro decimis ecclesie nostre de Bothelnye . . . xl. libras dicte monete ad . . . Festa Pasche et Sancti Petri ad vincula . et pro decimis baronie de Scheves xx. libras ad dictos terminos . De quaquidem summa fatemur nos pro redemptione noue provisionis nostre de curia Romana et pro subsidii nostri solutione Archiepiscopo Sancti Andree vi. libras usualis monete Scocie pre manibus recepisse in plenam solutionem nouem annorum a termino introitus ipsius Ade et suorum assignatorum et subtenencium . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum commune capituli . . . est appensum primo die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto .

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 558-562.]

On the ninth day of January, 1257, Pope Alexander IV. ratified the provision made for the vicarage of this church by the abbot and convent of Arbroath of a yearly stipend of fifteen merks, the whole altarage, and six marks in teind sheaves from the lands in the parish then cultivated.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. I., pp. 18-23.)]

² [Abridged from the Registrum Recentius Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 362.]

In the year 1527, the abbot of Arbroath granted a nineteen years' lease of the teinds of the church of Bethelnie to Gilbert Menzels, provost of Aberdeen, for a grassum of one hundred and twenty pounds, and a yearly rent of fifty pounds Scots.—(Id., p. 466.) In the year 1584, the Abbot granted an eleven years' lease of the teinds of this church and parish to George Meldrum of Fywe, for payment of the same rent.—(Id., p. 512.)]

*Carta confirmationis super carta Johannis de Sancto Michaelē concessa Waltero Berclay de Garnetuly.*¹ —(A.D. 1449 et A.D. 1452.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quandam cartam dilecti nostri Johannis de Sanctomichaelē de Quhichester factam Waltero Berclay de Garnetuly de terris de Creichie et Bothelny cum pertinenciis jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . . . ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma . OMNIBUS has literas visuris vel audituris Johannes de Sancto Michaelē dominus de Quhichester salutem in Domino sempiternam vestra vniuersitas sciri velit me . . . impignorasse dilecto et speciali consanguineo meo Waltero Berclay domino de Garnetuly omnes et singulas terras meas de Crechis et Bothelny cum pertinenciis . . . jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene pro quadraginta sex libris tresdecim solidis et quatuor denariis vsualis monete regni Scocie michi in mea necessitate gratanter prestitis . . . vna excepta mercata terrarum predictarum cum pertinenciis ad faciendum dominis superioribus seruicium debitum et consuetum tantum Tenendas . . . predicto Waltero heredibus suis et assignatis a me heredibus meis et meis assignatis libere quiete plenarie . . . semper et quousque eidem Waltero Berclay heredibus suis vel suis assignatis inter vnus diei solis ortum et occasum in ecclesia [de] Bothelny super magnum altare eiusdem per me heredes meos et assignatos de dictis quadraginta sex libris tresdecim solidis et quatuor denariis bene et fideliter fuerit satisfactum / firme vero fructus redditus et commoditates medio tempore dictarum terrarum prouenientes qualitercunque leuandi volo et concedo . . . quod cum predicto Waltero heredibus suis et assignatis libere maneant pro suis auxilio [et] consilio michi multipliciter impensis nec in parte nec in toto solucionis dicte summe aliquantulum computentur Et si contingat me dictas terras de Crechis et Bothelny de manibus dicti Walteri heredum suorum vel assignatorum per jus commune legitime recuperare vel lucrari obligo me heredes meos et assignatos omnes terras meas et possessiones habitas et habendas ac omnia bona nostra mobilia et immobilia vbicunque fuerint inuenta distringenda fore capienda namanda abducenda vendenda et alienanda quousque dicto Waltero heredibus suis et assignatis tam de dampnis labori-

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. iv., no. 298.]

bus et expensis si que quos vel quas sustinuerit vel sustinuerint . . . quam de principali debito fideliter fuerit satisfactum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum apud Bothelny ultimo die mensis Maij anno Domini M^o cccc^o xlix^o . QUAM QUIDEM cartam . . . pro perpetuo confirmamus . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmationis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reverendis in Xpo. patribus Jacobo et Willelmo Sanctiandree et Glasguensis ecclesiarum episcopis Willelmo domino Crechtoun nostro cancellario et consanguineo predilecto dilectis consanguineis nostris Willelmo domino Somirville Johanne domino Lyndisay de Byris Andrea domino le Gray magistro hospicii nostri Magistris Johanne Arous archidiacono Glasguensi et Georgeo de Schoriswod rectore de Cultre clericis nostris apud Edinburgum v^{to} die mensis Augusti anno Domini M^o cccc^o lij^o et regni nostri xvj^{to} .

Carta confirmationis super carta Alexandri Setoune de Meldrum etc¹—
(A.D. 1490 et A.D. 1491.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quandam cartam factam per dilectum nostrum Alexandrum Setoun de Meldrum / dilecto nostro Willelmo Setoune suo filio et heredi apparenti et Elizabeth Lesly eius sponse . . . ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Alexander Setoune de Meldrum eternam in Domino salutem . Noueritis me dedisse . . . Willelmo Setoune filio meo carissimo et heredi apparenti et Elizabeth Lesly sponse sue ac eorum alteri diucius viuenti omnes et singulas terras meas de Balcarne cum suis pertinenciis jacentes in dominio meo de Meldrum infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Tenendas . . . prefatis Willelmo et Elizabeth eorumque alteri diucius viuenti in coniuncta infeodacione ac heredibus masculis inter ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis / quibus forte deficientibus heredibus meis propinquioribus legitimis quibuscunque a me et heredibus meis de supremo domino nostro Rege in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde . . . supremo domino nostro Regi seruicia debita et consueta . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xii., no. 287.]

est appensum Apud Abirdene duodecimo die mensis Julij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo coram venerabili et egregio viro Magistro Adamo Gordoune precentore Moraviensi prouidis et famosis viris Roberto Blinsele Magistro Andrea Cadiow burgensi de Abirdene Domino Thoma Holburne presbitero Ricardo Vauss et Domino Johanne Striueling presbitero ac notario publico / QUAMQUIDEM cartam . . . pro perpetuo confirmamus . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmationis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Edinburgh decimo quinto die mensis Marcij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo et regni nostri tercio .

Confirmatio Regia Alexandro Setoune de Meldrum ejusque sponse.¹ — (A.D. 1499.)

Apud Abirdene . xii. Novembris . j^m. cccc. xcix. . Rex confirmavit Alexandro Setoune de Meldrum et Murielle Suthirland ejus sponse et eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Alexandri quibuscunque terras de Gonyr Auld Meldrum et molendinum de Cromlat in dominio de Meldrum infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas dictus Alexander resignavit .

Service on Meldrum.² — (A.D. 1691.)

June 7, 1691 . Special service of John Urquhart as nearest heir of his father Adam Urquhart of Meldrum in . . . the towns lands and barony of Meldrum comprehending . . . the . . . dominical lands of Meldrum with the tower fort manor place . . . and . . . pertinents . . . the town and lands of Ardfork Kilblain Old Meldrum Mill of Cromblet Gownner Frosterhill mill and mill lands . . . Ardconan Balcadne mill and mill lands thereof Bethelnies Old Mill the Kirktown of Bethelnie Corhill Baybush Ardmedden Over and Nether Tullochs Round Lichnett Craig-

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiii., no. 620, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

head Chappellhouse Cardrum and Cattie with the right of patronage of the Church of Bethelnie . . . with the . . . tithes of said lands and others . . . and also in . . . the town and lands of Saphock mill mill lands multures . . . and pertinents . . . and also in . . . the towns and lands of Muires of Fyvie . . . comprehending Blachrie Mackterre mill and mill lands of the same South and North Badiechells Swanfoords Over and Nether Muiresun . . . lying in the shire of Aberdeen along with the superiorities of the lands of Auchintowll and Crombie lying in the shire of Banff . . . and also in the lands of Creichie dominical lands and manor place thereof mill and mill lands of Bonniehillock Burnegairne and fort of Rowfuird Cloyns Creichie Mackieshillock Midesummer Cairne Cromblett Lambhill Starbridge Over and Nether and . . . pertinents . . . lying in the shire of Aberdeen along with the towers forts . . . and pertinents . . . and likewise in the free burgh of barony of Old Meldrum with full . . . liberty thereto as fully as any other burgh of barony in Scotland . . . incorporated into one . . . barony to be called . . . the barony of Meldrum according to charter under the great seal given by Charles II. in favor of the said Adam Urquhart of Meldrum his heirs male and assignees dated 25 January 1671 . . . and . . . held in chief of King William and Queen Mary and their successors in taxed ward for yearly payment during the time of ward and non entry of the sum of twenty merks Scots . . . also of the sum of twenty merks Scots for relief . . . also of the sum of four hundred merks Scots for the marriage or marriages of an heir or heirs . . . Which . . . lands of Creichie dominical lands manor place thereof mill mill lands Bonniehillock Burnegarne and fort of Rowfoord Cloyns Creichie Mackieshillock Midsummer Cairne Cromblet Lambhill Starbridge Over and Nether and . . . pertinents . . . are held in chief of the said King and Queen and their foresaids in free blench farm for yearly payment of the sum of one penny Scots .

Service on Mill of Balcairne etc. ¹ —(A.D. 1700.)

May 10, 1700 . Special service of Mr. Alexander Dunbar as nearest

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeeh, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

heir of his father Mr. Robert Dunbar of Mill of Balcairne in . . . the mill and mill lands of Balcairne multures sequels and knaveships thereof with the . . . pertinents . . . lying in the parish of Bethelny and shire of Aberdeen as principal and likewise in . . . the town and lands of M^{terij} mill mill lands thereof multures . . . with the . . . pertinents . . . lying in the parish of Fyvie and shire of Aberdeen . . . in . . . warranty . . . of said mill and mill lands of Balcairne . . . and also in . . . the town and lands of Munkshill with the tithes . . . and pertinents . . . lying in the barony of Tarves lordship of Aberbrothick and shire of Aberdeen redeemable however according to the original rights thereof Which . . . mills and mill lands of Balcairne and M^{terij} with the pertinents . . . are held in chief of the deceased Adam Urquhart of Meldrum and John Urquhart thereof his son and heir in feufarm for yearly payment of the sum of six shillings eightpence Scots . . . and . . . said towns and lands of Munkishill and pertinents . . . are similarly held . . . of the said deceased Adam Urquhart of Meldrum and the said John Urquhart . . . in free blench farm for payment of one penny Scots . . .

THE PARISH OF BOURTIE.¹

*Ratificatio possessionum ecclesie Sancti Andree.*² (A.D. 1471.)

Apud Edinburgh . xij. Augusti . j^m. cccc. lxxi. . Rex pro salute anime sue et predecessorum ac successorum suorum ratificavit quecunque dona

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 563-568.

In the year 1384, Margaret, countess of Douglas, lady of Marr, and of the Garulach, daughter of the deceased Donald, third of that name, earl of Marr, gave two parts of the town of Petgovny and the whole town of Colhill, lying in the lordship of Bourty (which had been granted to her for the relief of that lordship by Alexander Berclay, the son of William Berclay of Kerkou, and heir of the deceased John of Abernethi, his brother,) making, in the whole, a ten pound land, for the endowment of a chaplain in the chapel of the Virgin Mary of the Garulach, to pray for the souls of the founder, of William, earl of Douglas, her deceased husband, of the deceased Thomas, earl of Marr, her brother, and of James, earl of Douglas, her son, etc. —(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. I., p. 167.)]

² [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. vii., no. 210, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

et quascunque possessiones ecclesie Sancti Andree per progenitores suos facta et cartam privilegiorum dicte ecclesie confirmavit videlicet [inter alia] Ecclesiam de Eglisrag cum capella Sancti Reguli terris ecclesiasticis videlicet Eglisgrige et Eglisreul cum piscaria aque de Eske et dimedia dauata in Medyltoun . Ecclesiam de Fordoun cum capellis terris et brasina eiusdem . Ecclesiam de Bourty cum terris et pertinentiis eiusdem . terram de Segydene in Kinalkmund cum pertinentiis eiusdem . Ecclesiam de Megweth cum terris et pertinentiis eiusdem . Ecclesiam de Tarlande cum terris et pertinentiis . et annum redditum Hospitalis Sancti Nicholai Pontis de Spey . terram de Blagarach cum suis pertinentiis in Garaach . terram quandam in Aberdene etc. . Testibus Andrea episcopo Glasguensi Thoma episcopo Aberdonensi Willelmo episcopo Orchadensi Andrea domino Avandale etc. Colino comite de Ergile etc. David comite de Craufurde Willelmo comite de Erol domino le Hay constabulario regni Willelmo comite Mariscallo Jacobo comite de Mortoun domino de Dalkethe Johanne Colquhone etc. Jacobo Schaw de Sauchy etc. David Guthre de eodem Archibaldo de Quhitelaw etc. Johanne Layng etc.

Carta Willelmo de Melgdrum. ¹ —(A.D. 1342.)

Carta per Fratrem Robertum magistrum et custodem totius elemosynie domus de Torfechyn infra regnum Scotie confirmans cartam Mathei dicti Goblauch fabri concessam Willelmo de Melgdrum filio quondam Johannis de Melgdrume domini ejnsdem de quadam summa acrarum jacente infra dominium de Bouharty in villa que vocatur Auld Bouharty quam idem Matheus per guerrarum discrimina maxime depaupertatus propter suam relevationem et vite sue sustentationem maxima ipsum compellente necessitate cum consensu dicti fratris dicto Willelmo vendidit . Reddendo sex solidos octo denarios bonorum sterlingorum et soluendo pro obitu suo quantum dictus Matheus si tenens perseverasset pro obitu suo debuit . Datum apud Aberdeen die Martis in vigilia Apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi j^m. ccc. xliij.

¹ [Noted from the original in the charter chest at Castle Forbes.]

Terre de Westerhouss dantur Jacobo King de Bourty ejusque sponse.¹—
(A.D. 1490.)

Xv. die Nouembris anno Domini [j^m. cccc. xc.] Jacobus King de Bourty resignauit in manibus Johannis [comitis] de Mar et Gareache dimidietatem omnium terrarum de Westerhouss cum pertinentiis jacentium in regalitate de Gareache infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene Quiquidem dominus Comes easdem dicto Jacobo et Mariorie Berclay sponse sue eorumque diutius viuenti in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus propinquioribus legitimis ipsius Jacobi quibuscunque . . . contulit . . . Super quibus Walterus Berclay de Touy petiit instrumenta Acta erant hec in hospitio dicti Comitis infra burgum de Abirdene in domo anteriore Johannis Wormet hora quasi duodecima in meredie . . . Testibus Georgio abbate de Dumfirmlyn Jacobo Crichtone de Frendraucht milite Johanne Crichton Magistro Jacobo Crichton domino de Towys David Liell et Johanne Ogistoun .

De relictis Johannis Blakhale de Barroche.²—(A.D. 1505.)

Inquisitio facta apud burgum de Abirdene penultimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia vicecomitis ejusdem pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Iruyn de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillorth Gilbertum Hay de Ardenderaugh milites Willelmum Lesly de Balquhane Georgium Leitht de Barnys Alexandrum Skine de eodem Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyuer Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Alexandrum Caldour de Sonnahard Johannem Gardyne de Latheris Thomam Burnat de Balmad Alexandrum Wyntone de Andait Willelmum Johnston filium et heredem apparentem Alexandri Johnstone de eodem

¹ [Abridged from the Notary's Protocol, entitled "Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen," vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [From the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour et Johannem Dawgarnow de Garneffintra iidem jurati dicunt quod Margareta Burnat relicta quondam Johannis Blakhale de Barroche tenetur habere rationabilem terciam partem tercię partis omnium terrarum de Mekile Fynnersy Litill Fynnersy et molendini earundem ac terciam partem tercię partis terrarum de Manecht et Bretohe de Curtestone et terciam partem dimidietatis terrarum de Barroche de Bourty cum suis pertinenciis jacentes infra dictum vicecomitatum ratione decessus dicti quondam Johannis sponsi sui virtute brevis tercię capelle Regie reseruatis tamen et exceptis octo mercatis terrarum dictarum de Barroche de Bourty sibi in coniuncta infeodacione alias concessis Que contigit suam terciam in solari parte huiusmodi terrarum habere per sortem proiectam in curia .

Service on Blackhouse.¹—(A.D. 1688.)

September 26, 1688 . Special service of William Panton writer to the signet as nearest heir of his father James Panton of Blackhouse in . . . the town and lands of Blackhouse . . . with the croft . . . called Ladies croft . . . and pertinents along with the tithes of said lands . . . lying in the parish of Bourty and shire of Aberdeen . . . formerly held of the deceased William Seaton of Blair . . . and . . . now held in chief of Margaret and Elizabeth Seatowns coheirresses portioners proprietors of said lands of Blair in feu farm . . . and heritage . . .

THE PARISH OF MONKEIGIE.²

Carta Domini de Petcapill Alexandro Culan.³—(A.D. 1472.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Daudid Lesly dominus de Petcapill

¹ [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [See *Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff*, pp. 569-571.]

³ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen. In the year 1510, John Cullane of Knawane, burgess of Aberdeen, conveyed the above annual rent to William Elphinstoun, rector of Clat, who, again, in the year 1512, granted it to the chap-

salutem . . . Noueritis me . . . concessisse ac omnino vendidisse . . . honorabili viro Roberto Culan burgensi burgi de Abirdene unum annum redditum quatuor marcarum usualis monete Scotie exeuntem annuatim . . . de terris meis dimedietatis de Crechtmonde cum parte mea molendini earundem cum suis pertinentiis jacentibus in regalitate de Garyouch infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . . . Tenendum . . . dictum annum redditum . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde mihi et heredibus meis et meis assignatis . . . unum denarium argenti annuatim . . . Et si contingat me heredes meos aut assignatos . . . perturbare . . . dictum Robertum heredes suos et suos assignatos in dicto annuo redditu . . . quod absit obligo me et heredes meos et assignatos ad persoluendum dicto Roberto Culan heredibus suis aut suis assignatis summam centum librarum monete Scotie . . . antequam audiamur in iudicio . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum est appensum apud Abirdene decimo sexto die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quodringentesimo septuagesimo secundo testibus honorabilibus viris Alexandro Menzes burgensi de Abirdene Magistro Alexandro Culan rectore de Ovin Johanne Ramsay Johanne Celle et Domino Roberto Leis notario publico cum multis aliis .

Daude Lesly manu propria subscribo et approbo .

Inquisicio Willelmi Johnstoun.¹ —(A.D. 1509.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Aberdene decimo septimo die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octauo coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Wattirtone vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio eiusdem burgi in curia vicecomitis pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Irvyne de Drum Gilbertum Hay de Ardenderaugh milites Walterum Berclay de Towy Patricium Gordone de

lains of the choir of the church of the New Coliege of the University of Aberdeen, stipulating for the performance of certain religious services for the souls of himself, of his father and mother, of William Elphinstoun, bishop of Aberdeen, of John Elphinstoun of that ilk, and of Alexander, Lord Elphinstone, his son.—(Originals *ibidem*, and Fasti Aberdonenses, p. 71.)]

¹ [From the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. 1, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

At the same time Agnes Glastir, the widow of the above named Alexander Jhonestoun, was found entitled to her terce of the same lands of Crechmond and Esawstoun.—(Ibid.)]

Methlik Johannem Leslie de Warderis Walterum Lesly de Newleslie Patricium Steuart de Latheris Jacobum Chene de Straloch Johanne Mowat de Loscragy Willelmum Turing de Foverne Patricium Red de Collistone Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Willelmum Blakhale de Barroch de Bourty Willelmum Laysk de eodem Willelmum Buchan de Auchnacoy Alexandrum Annand de Ouchtirellone et Thomam Gray de Scheves Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Alexander Jhonestoun pater Willelmi Johnstoun latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de . . . terris de Jhonestone cum pertinenciis de octaua parte terrarum de Ardvne de dimidietate terrarum de Crechmond et de dimidietate molendini earundem ac de . . . terris de Caskybene Legat Esawstoun et molendino de Peddy cum tenentibus tenendrijs et libere tenentium seruiciis earundem jacentibus in comitatu de Gareauch creatis . . . et incorporatis in vnain liberam baroniam de Jhonestone Et de terris de Mvretone et Inglastoun cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in regalitate de Gareauch ac de . . . terris de Killbrvne et molendino earundem cum tenentibus tenendriis et libere tenentium seruiciis earundem cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Willelmus est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Alexandri patris sui de dictis terris molendinis tenentibus tenendriis et libere tenentium seruiciis cum suis pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre de Johneston octaua pars terrarum de Ardvne dimidietas terrarum de Crechmond et dimidietas molendini earundem et terre de Caskybene Legat Esawstoun et molendinum de Peddy . . . cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum quinquaginta marcas et valuerunt decem libras tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Mvrtone cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum decem marcas et valuerunt quadraginta solidos tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Inglastoun cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum nouem marcas et valuerunt quadraginta solidos tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre de Killbrvne cum molendino . . . et . . . pertinenciis valent nunc per annum decem libras et valuerunt quatuor libras tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre baronie de Jhonestone . . . et terre de Inglastoune cum pertinenciis tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium warde et releuij Et quod dicte terre de Mvretone tenentur in capite de Domino de Bourty per seruicium warde et releuij

Et quod dicte terre de Kilbrvne cum molendino . . . et . . . pertinenciis tenentur in capite de domino Comite de Rothess per seruicium warde et releuij Et quod dicte terre baronie de Jhonestoun . . . et terre de Inglastoun . . . nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per decessum quondam dicti Alexandri patris sui qui obiit tercio die mensis Januarij datam presentis retornati immediate precedentis Et quod dicte terre de Mvretone et Kilbrvne et molendinum cum . . . pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus dictorum dominorum superiorum . . . in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis . Datum et clausum sub sigillo officij vicecomitis deputati et sigillis quorundam eorum qui huic inquisicioni intererant faciente anno die mense et loco prenotatis .

George Johnnestounis instrument upon the landis of Selbie and Lochtulloche.¹ —(A.D. 1615.)

In Dei nomine Amen Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo sexcentesimo decimo quinto mensis vero Julij die sexto . . . In presens of me notar publicke . . . comperit . . . Archibald Dowglas maser procurator speciallie constitut be James Seytoun of Pitmedden burges of Abirdene . . . and past to the speciall presence of the Lordis of his Maiesteis Secreit Counsale appoyntit be his Hienes for resaving of resignatiounes of all landis within this realme of Scotland resignit in his Maiesteis handis And thair vpone his kneis with all dew reverence and humilitie . . . be staf and bastoun as vse is . . . ourgaif all and hail the tounes and landis of Selbie and Lochtulloche . . . lyand within the parochin of Monkegy and shirefdome of Abirdene . . . in favouris of George Johnnestoun now of Caskyben his airis male and assignais quhatsumevir for new heritabill infeftment to be made and gevin to thame of the samyn be his Maiestie . . . This was done in the Laich Counsalhous vnder the Tolbuith of Edinburgh betwix twa and thrie houris eftir nounge or thairby day moneth and yeir aboue specifeit Befor thir witnessis Johnne Seytoun of Meldrum Johnne Erskine of Pittodrie Robert Alschinder Thomas

¹ [Abridged from a transcript in the possession of Joseph Robertson, Esq.]

Crombie wrytteris Adame Gordoun of Glenbuchet and James Prymrois clerk of his Maiesteis Secreit Counsall with vtheris dyuers . . .

Et ego Thomas Forbes clericus Aberdonensis diocesis [*etc. in forma communi.*]

THE PARISH OF KINKELL.¹

Carta confirmationis Willelmi Forbes de Tolleis super terris de Ardmurthach etc.² —(A.D. 1500 et A.D. 1501.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quamdam cartam vendicionis et alienacionis factam per Johannem Narne de Cromdale dilecto nostro Willelmo Forbes de Tolleis . . . ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris Johannes Narne de Cromdale eternam in Domino salutem Noueritis me . . . vendidisse . . . honorabili viro Willelmo Forbes de Tolleis totas et integras terras meas de Ardmurthach cum pertinentiis jacentes in baronia de Kyntor infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . . . Tenendas . . . a me heredibus meis et assignatis de supremo domino nostro Rege et suis successoribus in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo . . . supremo domino nostro Regi et suis successoribus seruicium de dictis terris debitum et consuetum . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte sigillum meum est appensum apud Kildrummy penultimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quadingentesimo nonagesimo nono Coram hiis testibus Johanne domino Forbes Georgeo Forbes de Auchyntole David Ogiluy de Tolmad Johanne Forbes in Dunpersy Domino Thoma Caldoure vicario de Kildrummy Domino Alexandro Symson capellano et Alexandro Monze

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 571-577.

Bishop Henry of Lychton, in the year 1420, erected the church of Kinkel ('alias dictam plebaniam') belonging, with its chapels, to the Knights of Jerusalem, into one of the prebends of the cathedral of the church of St. Machar at Aberdeen.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. II., p. 258.)]

² [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xiii., no. 477.]

cum diuersis aliis QUAMQUIDEM CARTAM . . . pro perpetuo . . . confirmamus . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre . . . magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Edinburgh vicesimo primo die mensis Iulij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo primo Et regni nostri decimo quarto .

Decreit anent the multures of the Myln of Fintray.¹ —(A.D. 1565.)

Curia vicecomitatus de Abirdene tenta in pretorio eiusdem duodecimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo quarto per honorabilem virum Vilhelmum Leslie de Balquhane vicecomitem de Abirdene Jacobum Leslie et Georgium Bissat eius deputatos . . . pro tribunali sedentes . Sectis vocatis et curia legitime affirmata .
The said day in the actioun and caus persewit be Willeame Wod of the Myln of Fintray agais Dauid Chalmer off Balbathane anent the clame of the knaivschip off Heddirvik and Balbathane and cotter mvltir and knaivschip of Cragorthie and the pleucht of Weistir Fintray awand to the said Williame be the said Dauid and his tennentis occupearis of the toun and landis above writtin . . . The shireff witht consent of baytht the saidis parteis absoluit the said Dauid and his tennentis of all mvlturis knavschippis and wthiris dewiteis awand of the saidis landis be the said Dauid and his tennentis in ony tymes bipast preceiding the day and daitt of thir presentis to the said William and decernit and ordanit the said Dauid his airis and assignais tennentis and possessouris of the landis abone writtin to ansuir and obey the said William and his airis assignais possessouris of the said myln in all tymes cumming of the knaveschip of Heddirvik and Balbathan and cotter mvltir and knavschip of Cragorthie and the pleucht of Weistir Fintray pertenyng to the said Dauid wsit and wont the tyme of obtenyng of the said William infetment of the said myln and immediatlie obefor wsit and wont conforme to the said infetment and this done in jugement witht consent of baytht the saidis pairteis and oblegit thame thair airis executouris and assignais to observe this appontment in all tymes cumming . . . and athir of the saids parteis

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Skene House.]

dischargis wtheris *hinc inde* off all maner of clames . . . preceiding the day and daitt of thir presentis and siclyik the said Daid and Johne Wod sone to the said Williame hes dischargit wthiris in lyik maner to stand at amite and kyndnes as freindis in tymes cumming and sicklyik the said Williame of his avin confessioun . . . oblegis him to desist . . . fra all forthyr occupatioun or laboring of the auchtane part of the waist medowe of Fintray pertenyng heretablie to the said Daid and that in all tymes cumming . . . Quhilkis premissis done in jugement as said is the shireff witht consent of the parteis forsaidis decernit to have the stryntht of ane decreit judiciall To the quhilk the said shireff interponit his auctorite as efferis . . . Extractum de Libro Actorum curie vicecomitatus Aberdonensis per me scribam eiusdem subscriptum .

Ita est Mr. Andreas Leslie scriba curie vicecomitatus Abir-
donensis ad hec sua manu .

A. Leslie.

The testament of the Laird of Balbethane. ¹ —(A.D. 1588.)

The testament dative and inuentar of the guidis . . . pertening to vmquhile ane honorabill man Daid Chalmer of Balbethane within the parochin of Kinkell . . . quha deceissit in the moneth of September 1580 omittit and left furtht of his principall confermit testament . . . gevin up be Mr. Williame Mr. James Charlis and Henrie Chalmeris lawfull sonnes to the defunct and executouris datuiis decernit to him be decreit of the commissar of Edinburghe . . . of the dait at Edinburghe vj. Merche 1587.

In the first the said vmquhile Daid Chalmer of Balbethane had . . . pertening to him the tyme of his deceis forsaid videlicet.

Item therof is confermit in the said vmquhile Daid Chalmer of Balbethane principall testament testamentar xxiiij. drawin oxin price of the pece v. lib. albeit ilk pece therof was than worth viij. lib. and sua ilk pece sett within the iust awaill iij. lib. summa lxxij. lib. Item mair confermit xij. ky therof four witht ther kair at ther feitt price of the pece

¹ [Abridged from the Register of the Commissariot of Edinburgh, vol. xix.]

v. merkis albeit ilk pece therof was than worth viij. merkis and sua ilk pece sett within the iust awaill xl. s. summa xxiiij. lib. Item mair confermit thre stirkis of ane yeir auldis price of the piece xx. s. albeit ilk pece therof was than worth xxx. s. and sua ilk pece sett within the iust awaill therin x. s. summa xxx. s. Item mair confermit aucht quoyis of tua yeir auldis price of the pece tua merkis albeit ilk pece therof was than worth xlvj. s. viij. d. and sua ilk pece sett within the iust awaill xx. s. summa viij. lib. Item mair confermit thre hors price of the pece ten merks albeit ilk pece therof was than worth viij. lib. and sua ilk pece sett within the iust awaill therin tua merkis summa iiij. lib. Item mair confermit therin thre meiris therof tua witht foillis at ther feit price of the pece over heid viij. merkis albeit ilk pece therof was than worth vj. lib. vj. s. viij. d. and sua ilk pece sett within the iust awaill xx. s. summa iii. lib. Item mair confermit sex scoir ane auld scheipe price of the pece xij. s. iiij. d. albeit ilk pece therof was than worth xx. s. and sua ilk pece sett within the iust awaill vj. s. viij. d. summa xl. lib. vj. s. viij. d. Item mair confermit fiftie lambis price of the pece vj. s. viij. d. albeit ilk pece therof was than worth x. s. and sua ilk pece sett within the iust awaill iij. s. iiij. d. summa viij. lib. vj. s. viij. d. Item mair ther is confermit in the said vmquhile Daid Chalmeris principall testament testamantar aughtene scoir bollis aittis albeit ther was than resten in the barnes and barne yaerdis xxvj^{xx}. bollis aittis and sua omittit aucht scoir bollis aittis price of the boll witht the fodder xxvj. s. viij. d. summa ij^c. xiiij. lib. vj. s. viij. d. Item mair the said aughtene scoir bollis aittis is confermit in the principall testament to xij. s. iiij. d. the boll witht the fodder albeit ilk boll therof witht the fodder was than worth xxvj. s. viij. d. and sua ilk boll witht the fodder sett within the iust awaill xiiij. s. iiij. d. summa ij^c. xl. lib. Item mair ther is confermit in the principall testament lx. bollis beir albeit ther was than resten in the barnes and barne yairdis fyve scoir aucht bollis fyve peccis beir and sua omittit xlvij. bollis v. peccis beir price of the boll witht fodder xl. s. summa lxxxvj. lib. xij. s. vj. d. Item the saidis lx. bollis beir is confermit in the principall testament to xxvj. s. viij. d. ilk boll therof witht the fodder albeit ilk boll therof witht the fodder was than worth xl. s. and sua ilk boll therof witht the fodder sett within the iust awaill xiiij. s. iiij. d. summa xl. lib. Item mair confermit in the principall testament xij. bollis quheit albeit ther was than resten in the

barnes and barne yairdis xix. bollis tua peccis quheit and sua omittit sevin bollis tua peccis quheit price of the boll witht the fodder iij. lib. summa xxj. lib. vij. s. vj. d. Item mair the saidis tuelf bollis quheit is confermit in the principall testament to xl. s. ilk boll therof witht the fodder albeit ilk boll therof with the fodder was than worth iij. lib. and sua ilk boll therof witht the fodder sett within the iust awaill xx. s. summa xij. lib. Item ther is confermit in the said vniquhile Daud Chalmer principall testament testamantar of insyd and plenesing by the airschope worth ane hundreth pundis and sua sett within the iust awaill therin the sowme of xlvj. lib. xij. s. iiij. d.

Summa of the inuentar	viiij ^c . xxxj. lib. iij. s. iiij. d.
To be dividit in tua pairtis deadis pairtis	iiij ^c . xv. lib. xj. s. viij. d.
Quherof the quot is componit for	xij. lib.

We Mr. Johne Prestoun . . . in our Souerane Lordis name . . . confermis the saidis Mr. William Mr. James Charlis and Henrie Chalmeris in executouris datiuis to the said vniquhile Daud Chalmer ther fader witht power to thame to intromet vptak follow and persew as law will the guidis and geir fairsaidis omittit and left furtht in maner fairsaid and siclyk sett within the iust awaill . . . and all and sindrie thingis to do . . . that to the office of executorie datiuie is knawin to pertene .

Retour on Kinkell etc.¹ —(A.D. 1676.)

February 5, 1676 . Special service of Jean and Hellen Seatons as nearest heiresses portioners of their fater George Seaton in Auquorsk in . . . one plough of the town and lands of Kinkell with the . . . pertinents . . . lying in the parish of Kinkell and sheriffdom of Aberdeen and also in . . . that fourth part of the town and lands of Tirrievail . . . occupied by John Hunter with the . . . pertinents lying in the parish and barony of Skene and sheriffdom of Aberdeen Which plough of the town and lands of Kinkell . . . was held in chief by the said George Seaton of George Forbes of Corss or Robert Cruickshank now of Kinkell successor of the said George Forbes in feu farm for yearly payment of one penny

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

Scots . . . redeemable by the said George Forbes of Corras and Robert Cruickshank . . . for payment . . . of the sum of one thousand punds Scots . . . and is the fourth part of the church lands of Kinkell Which church lands are held in chief . . . of . . . James archbishop of St. Andrews and his successors in feu farm for yearly payment of seven punds five shillings and three pence usual Scots money . . . Which fourth part of the town and lands of Tirrievail was held in chief . . . of John Skene of Skene in feu farm . . . and is redeemable . . . by the said John Skene . . . for payment . . . of the sum of twelve hundred punds . . .

THE PARISH OF RAYNE.¹

*Instrumenta petita in curia Episcopi apud Rayne.*²—(A.D. 1535.)

Vltimo Maii anno [M^o. v^o.] xxxv^{to}. Eodem die personaliter constitutus

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 577, 578.]

² [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

The 'schira' of Rane, with the church, is said to have been granted to Edward, bishop of Aberdeen, by King Malcolm the Maiden. The township and church of Rane were confirmed to the See of Aberdeen by Pope Adrian IV., in the year 1157.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., pp. 4, 6, 85.) Between the years 1175 and 1178, Lawrence the abbot, and the convent of Melrose, granted to Robert the son of Hugh, the son of Spileman, a half carrucate of land at Kane, lying between the church of St. Andrew of Rane, and Rothemas, which Bishop Mathew of Aberdeen had given to the house of St. Mary of Melros, to be held for yearly payment of a pound of incense.—(Id., vol. i., p. 10.) In the year 1304, Duncan, the son and heir of Helen, the daughter of the deceased Adam of Rane, sometime lord of Ledyntoscach and Rothmase in the Garulach, sold these lands to Henry of St. Michael, to be held of the Bishop of Aberdeen for the usual service.—(Id., vol. i., p. 38.) In the year 1333, Sir John Brune, knight, Master Thomas of Salcop, Sir Mathew of Marr, Henry of St. Michael, Euen of Rothenay, William of Meldrum, John of Dunfermyne, clerk, John Barkar, Gregory Bowman, William of Pilmor, John of Fyngask, William the clerk of Skene, Bartholf of Rane, Thomas of Graunt, and Gillemuyquagh, were sworn of assize upon the claim of Reginald of Rane [the son of Adam of Rane] to the lands of Ledintoschach and Rotmase. They found that, from the time beyond which memory was not, the predecessors of the said Reginald were vested and seised in the said lands, making homage and suit of court by one suitor for Ledintosach, paying one mark of silver yearly for Rotmase, and rendering to the mill of Rane a thirteenth part of every kind of corn grown on either land. They said further that Reginald's predecessors had a charter

Jacobus Hill in Fingess commorans in curia reuerendi in Christo patris Willelmi Abirdonensis episcopi tenta apud Rayne per Willelmum Lyoune ballium prosecutus per Dominum de Jhonstoune penes petitionem ipsius Domini de Jhonstoune ab eodem Jacobo vnus bonis / iniuste intromissi per eundem ut asseruit Idem Jacobus Hill talia verba protulit in vulgari / *I pray God that the ayris of Caskebenne neuer prospere for the thinggis ye do to me* / loquendo de dicto Domino de Jhonstoun et Caskebene et heredibus suis Et talia verba subsequencia protulit Vicario de

of their lands which was lost in the war in the time of Sir John Comyn; but added that they had never seen the charter, nor knew more of its purport.—(Id., vol. i., pp. 53, 54.) Duncan Tendman in the year 1335, as heir to the above Reginald of Rane, his mother's brother, had sasine of a third part of these lands, which he immediately resigned in favour of Henry of St. Michael, whom the Bishop received as his man.—(Id., vol. i., p. 60.) In the same year Margaret, daughter of the above named Adam of Rane, with the consent of Duncan of Rossotweth her husband, and of Hugh of Ledyntosach her son and heir, sold the whole of her land of Ledyntosach, with the Crosflat, and Rothmase in the Garulach, to the same Henry of St. Mychael.—(Id., vol. i., p. 62.) The kirkland of Little Badochayse in the 'schyra' of Rane was granted, in the year 1376, by the dean and chapter of Aberdeen, to Adam Pynhill, the elder, burgess of Aberdeen, in exchange for the mill of Folethrwle, with the land, multure and service of the mill, due by the inhabitants of Badychayse and Foleth-blackwater.—(Id., vol. i., p. 108.) In the year 1398, William of Tulydeff was served heir to the deceased John of Tulydeff his father, in the third part of the lands of Ledyntuche and Rothmase, in the shire of Rane, held of the church of Aberdeen for homage, service, ward and relief, suit of court, and multure.—(Id., vol. i., p. 201.) In the year 1413, in terms of the statute of a general council in favour of the heirs of those who were slain at Harlaw, Andrew of Tulidef was served heir, though still under age, to the above named William of Tulidef his father, in the same lands.—(Id., vol. i., p. 214.) In the year 1543, the Kirktoune of Rayne, with the Allhous croft, was feued by Thomas Myrtoun, archdeacon of Aberdeen, to John Leslye and his heirs male, reserving only an acre of land next the church for a manse, as a residence for the archdeacon, to be held for yearly payment of twenty-two merks.—(Id., vol. i., p. 420.)

In the year 1544, the Bishop feued the lands of Enuirquhat and Newmore, and two parts of Rothmalse, with the Derachthowis, to Mr. Walter Stewarde, for the yearly feuduty of twenty-five pounds, fifteen shillings, and sixpence.—(Id., vol. i., p. 428.)

In the year 1549, other lands of the shire of Rayne were leased in lots to several persons. (Id., vol. i., pp. 435-444)

Between the years 1338 and 1340, or 1355 and 1357, Christian of Bruyse, lady of the Garulach, and wife of the deceased Sir Andrew of Moray, Pantler of Scotland, gave to a chaplain performing religious services for the souls of the founder, of King Robert her brother, and of her husband, at the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Garulach, a toft in Drumdurnach, and a hundred shillings sterling yearly, from her land of Melkle Werthill in her lordship of the Garuyach.—(Id., vol. i., p. 66.)

In the year 1259, an agreement was made between Richard, bishop of Aberdeen, and Thomas, abbot of Lundoris, and the convent of the same, fixing the boundaries of a land called Threpland, between the land of Bondyngton, belonging to the Bishop, and the land of Newton, belonging to the abbot and convent.—(Id., vol. i., p. 26.)]

Rayne prelocutori dicti Domini de Jhonstoun in vulgari / *I pray to God Schir Wicair that ye neuer se the faice of God* ; Quiquidem Magister Thomas Clark vicarius de Rayne asseruit ipsum et dictum Dominum de Jhonstoun fuisse habitos et tentos bone fame laudabilis vite et honeste conuersationis ratione cuius dictus Jacobus non tenetur talia verba preferre in honoris et status nostrorum denigracionem [et] maximam iniuriam / Quamquidem iniuriam ad animum coram me notario in foro meliori renoucauit / quam iniuriam noluerunt ut asseruit sustinere pro magna quantitate bonorum suorum Et protestatus est quod illam iniuriam tempore congruo prosequi voluerint Super quibus prefatus Magister Thomas Clark nomine proprio et procuratorio nomine ipsius Domini de Jhonstoun petiit instrumentum Acta apud Rayne publice in dicta curia in presencia dicti iudicis pro tribunali sedentis hora secunda post meridiem presentibus Willelmo Lyoun de Colmalegy Patricio Gordoun in Auchmany Willelmo Gordoun in Knocaspak Domino Alexandro Cristison capellano Willelmo Fola et Alexandro Andree .

Eodem die personaliter constitutus Willelmus Lyoun de Colmalegy pro tribunali sedens in curia reuerendi patris Willelmi Aberdonensis episcopi premuniuit et mandauit Jacobum Hill in Finges cessare a multiloquio et a verbis iniurijs alicui persone nisi iudice et secundum formam juris loquatur sub pena marchiamenti qui noluit sed post inhibitionem ipsius multa protulit verba clamosa perturbando dictam curiam ordine juris non seruato ut apparuit / ratione cuius ipsum Jacobum in marchiamento dicte curie condampnauit Et de remedio juris tempore congruo protestatus est Super quibus prefatus balliuus petiit instrumentum Acta ut supra .

Eodem die personaliter constitutus Johannes Elmslie cum vxore prosequuti per Elenam Catness penes allegationem ipsius quod dictus Johannes cum vxore et prolibus traxerunt sanguinem eius et quod iniuriauit ipsam et quod tribulabatur per eosdem Dictus balliuus eligebat vnam assisam temporalem ad cognoscendum in huiusmodi causa numero xiiij. personarum vel circiter / post curriculum temporis auditis per dictam assisam rationibus et allegacionibus predictarum parciū dicta assisa et ipsi qui interfuerunt comparuerunt coram dicto balliuo pro tribunali sedenti ipsos Johannem et vxorem suam cum prolibus a dictis allegatis criminibus purgarunt et ipsos immunes a tractatione et sanguinis effusione

ipsius Elene et a quacumque alia iniuria coram ipsis proposita Acta apud Rayne hora secunda post meridiem presentibus dicto balliuo Domino Alexandro Cristisone capellano Willelmo Fola Alexandro Duncansone et Patricio Andersone clerico deputato de Rayne cum aliis .

Carta super creacione ville de Rane in liberum burgum in baronia.¹ —
(A.D. 1493.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis quia nos ac nostri Consilij Domini considerantes et intelligentes nullum convenientem locum hostilagij et hospitacionis esse inter burgos nostros de Abirdene et Elgin vbi nostri ligei ibidem itinerantes et transeuntes hospitari et in hostilagio receptari ac necessaria pro eorum personis et equis suis sumptibus et expensis habere valeant Nos igitur ex dictorum nostri Consilij Dominorum deliberacione cupientes dictos nostros ligeos defectu hostilagij et hospitacionis infra predictos nostros burgos minime destitutos et oppressos fore in futurum / set potius inde prouideri Ac ad instanciam et requestum reuerendi in Xpo. patris nostrique consiliarij dilecti Willelmi de Elphinstoun Abirdonensis episcopi cui fauores et amorem gerimus singulares in feodauimus creauimus et fecimus . . . villam de Rane eidem reuerendo patri et sue ecclesie Abirdonensi spectantem jacentem in[ter] predictos nostros burgos de Abirdene et Elgin liberum burgum in baronia pro perpetuo Concessimus eciam . . . inhabitantibus dictum burgum et in posterum inhabitaturis plenam facultatem et liberam potestatem emendi et vendendi in ipso burgo vina ceram pannum laneum et lineum amplum et artum aliaque mercimonia quecumque cum potestate et libertate habendi et tenendi pectores brasiatores carnifices et tam carniū quam piscium macellarios aliosque arcium operarios ad libertatem burgi in baronia qualitercunque spectantes et pertinentes Concessimus eciam et hac presenti carta nostra concedimus vt in dicto burgo sint burgenses balliui et alij officarij pro gubernacione dicti burgi necessarij Et quod dictus reuerendus pater et sui successores potestatem habeant perpetuis futuris temporibus eligendi faciendi et constituendi annuatim predictos balliuos

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xiii., no. 61.]

et alios officarios pro regimine et gubernacione dicti burgi ac ipsos in et ab eorum officijs imponendi et remouendi quociens sibi videbitur expedire Necnon concessimus . . . burgensibus et inhabitantibus dictum burgum vt habeant teneant et possideant pro perpetuo in ipso burgo crucem et forum die Lune singulis ebdomadis et nundinas publicas singulis annis in die siue Festo Beati Laurencij et per octauas eiusdem cum theoloneis et omnibus libertatibus ad huiusmodi nundinas spectantibus . . . Tenendam et habendam predictam villam de Rane perpetuis futuris temporibus in merum et liberum burgum in baronia . . . adeo libere . . . sicut aliquis burgus in baronia infra regnum nostrum infeodatur seu tenetur . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Edinburghe xxvj^o die mensis Januarij anno Domini m^o. iiij^{co}. lxxxij^o et regni nostri quinto .

Carta confirmacionis super creacione ville de Rane in liberum burgum in baronia.¹—(A.D. 1498.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis quia nos nostrique Consilij Domini considerantes et intelligentes nullum conuenientem locum hostilagij et hospitationis esse inter burgos nostros de Abirdene et Elgyne vbi nostri ligei ibidem itinerantes et transeuntes hospitari et in hostilagio recipi ac necessaria pro eorum personis et equis suis sumptibus et expensis habere valeant Nos igitur nunc ad nostram perfectam et legitimam etatem viginti quinque annorum existentes post nostram generalem reuocationem de omnibus donacionibus per nos nostra tenera in etate datis et concessis factam esse ex dictorum nostri Consilij Dominorum deliberatione . . . ac ad instantiam et requestum reuerendi in Xpo. patris nostrique consiliarij intime dilecti Wilelmi de Elphinstoune moderni episcopi Abirdonensis cui fauores et amorem gerimus singulares creauimus fecimus et infeodauius nunc de nouo ut prius . . . villam de Rane eidem reuerendo patri et sue ecclesie Abirdonensi spectantem jacentem inter predictos nostros burgos de Abirdene et Elgyne in vnum merum et liberum burgum in baronia pro perpetuo . . . Concessimus eciam . . . inhabitantibus

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xlii., no. 326.]

eundem burgum et in posterum inhabitaturis plenariam potestatem et libertatem emendi et vendendi in ipso burgo ceram pannum laneum et lineum amplum et artum aliaque mercimonia quecunque ac habendi et tenendi pistores brasiatores carnifices et tam carniū quam piscium macellarios aliosque arcium operarios ad libertatem burgi in baronia qualitercunque spectantes . . . Necnon concessimus . . . ut in dicto burgo sint burgenses prepositus balliui seriandi et alii officarij pro gubernacione eiusdem necessarij Concessimusque . . . dicto reuerendo patri suisque successoribus Abirdonensibus episcopis plenariam potestatem et libertatem annuatim predictos prepositum balliuos seriandos et alios officarios necessarios eligendi constituendi et ordinandi ac ipsos in et ab eorum officiis quociens expedire videbitur imponendi et remouendi . Concessimus eciam . . . burgensibus et inhabitantibus predictum burgum ut habeant teneant et possideant pro perpetuo in eodem crucem et forum et diem fori singulis ebdomadis in die Lune . et nundinas publicas singulis annis in die siue Festo Beati Laurencij martiris et per octauas eiusdem cum omnibus theoloneis libertatibus et priuilegiis ad huiusmodi nundinas spectantibus . . . Tenendam . . . predictam villam de Rane cum pertinentiis in merum et liberum burgum in baronia predicto reuerendo patri suisque successoribus Abirdonensibus episcopis ac inhabitantibus dictum burgum et in posterum inhabitaturis imperpetuum . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Linlithqw vicesimo primo die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octauo et regni nostri vndecimo .

Carta feodifirme Georgio comiti de Huntlie.¹ — (A.D. 1557.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Willelmus . . . Aberdonensis episcopus salutem . . . Quia regni Scotie retro principes diuersi in parliamentis suis cum tribus regni sui statibus . . . terras regias et prelatorum ac aliorum dominorum temporalium . . . in . . . feodifirmam perpetuam absque suorum rentalium . . . diminutione . . . dimittendas fore de-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Gordon Castle]

creuerunt . . . Noueritis igitur nos cum . . . consensu decani et canonicorum capitulo ecclesie nostre cathedralis Aberdonensis . . . pro nonnullis pecuniarum summis . . . per . . . Georgium comitem de Huntlie dominum Gordoun et Badzenoch . . . persolutis . . . ac pro . . . defensione libertatis ecclesie Christianeque et orthodoxe fidei assedasse . . . prefato . . . Georgio comiti de Huntlie heredibus suis et assignatis quibuscunque . . . terras nostras de Touchter occupatas per Andream Leslie et Patricium Thomsoune necnon . . . dimidietatem terrarum seu ville de New Rayne occupatam per Alexandrum Crukschank cum earundem . . . pertinentiis quibuscunque jacentes infra schiram seu baroniam nostram de Rayne et vicecomitatum de Abirdene Tenendas . . . in feodifirma et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . pro prefatis terris de Toichir decem libras monete Scotie nouem bollas duas firlotas farrine et brasii per medium cum bata cuilibet bolle brasii unam marcam duas mutones viginti quatuor capones viginti quatuor gallinas domesticas tres aucas domesticas duas bollas auenarum cum pabulo pro bondagiis quinque solidos pro gressuma annuatim viginti sex solidos octo denarios pro seruitiis debitis et consuetis quinque solidos Ac pro dimedietate terrarum seu ville de New Rayne cum . . . pertinentiis tres libras sex solidos octo denarios quatuor bollas tres firlotas farrine et brasii per medium cum bata cuilibet bolle brasii dimedium marce unum mutonem duodecim capones duodecim gallinas domesticas unam bollam auenarum cum pabulo pro bondagio viginti denarios pro gressuma annuatim tredecim solidos quatuor denarios pro seruitiis debitis et consuetis viginti denarios et in augmentationem nostri rentalis . . . quinque solidos extendentes in toto . . . ad summam sexdecim librarum quinque solidorum . . . Et faciendo tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia per nos nostrosve successores seu balliuos tenenda apud Palatium nostrum Aberdonense vel alibi Et tenentes dictarum terrarum in exercitiis Regine et Regni sufficienter armati juxta morem patrie seruire tenebuntur necnon quilibet heres seu assignatus predictus in eorum primo introitu iuramentum fidelitatis prestabit quod nos successores nostros episcopalem sedem Abirdonensem decanum et canonicos eiusdem nostrasque personas res et terras necnon Christianam et orthodoxam fidem pro posse . . . defendet . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum rotundum unacum nostra subscriptione manuali ac sigillum commune capituli nostri cum manualibus sub-

scriptionibus decani et canonicorum eiusdem in signum consensus . . . eorundem ad premissa presentibus sunt appensa apud Canoniam nostram Abirdonensem vigesimo septimo die mensis Martii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo septimo et nostre consecrationis anno undecimo .

W ^{us} . Ep ^{us} . Abirdonensis	Joannes Leslie de Ellon
Alex ^r . Setoune cancellarius Abir- donensis	Willelmus Cambell de Tulynessill
Patricius Myrtoun thesaurarius	Ja. Strathauchin de Balheluy
Abirdonensis	W ^{us} . Chalmer presbiter de Deir
	Alex ^r . Kyd presbiter

Carta Johanni et Andree Cruksank.¹—(A.D. 1482.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Alexander Glastyre de Glak et [dominus] dimedie partis ville de Litill Werthill salutem . . . Sciatis me dedisse . . . et . . . confirmasse dilectis consanguineis meis Johanni Cruksank et Andree Cruksank fratri suo germano armigeris pro suo seruicio fidei michi gratanter et multipliciter impenso totas et integras terras meas de Littill Werthill cum pertinenciis jacentes infra parochiam de Rane infra vicecomitatum de Abbirden necnon totas et integras meas duas bouatas terre de Harlaw cum terris Sancti Johannis de Jherosoloma de Harlaw et pertinenciis earundem jacentes in comitatu de Garyach infra vicecomitatum de Abbirden Tenendas . . . dictis Johanni et Andree Cruksank et eorum alteri diucius viuenti pro toto tempore vite eorundem de Beato Johanne Jherosolomotano . . . Reddendo inde . . . Beato Johanni Jherosolomotano singulis annis ad Festum Sancti Johannis Baptiste sexdecim solidos . . . monete Scocie necnon Dominis de Fywy pro tempore existentibus annuatim quatuor solidos et quinque denarios similis monete cum aliis seruiciis debitis et consuetis . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum [meum] presentibus est appensum apud Glak quinto die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quadragintesimo octuagesimo secundo coram hiis testibus videlicet Johanne Marnoch in le Chachir Andrea Cristisoun in Rotmayes Roberto Willelmi in Tullemorgyn Waltero Frostar burgensi de Banff et Thoma Cowe notario publico cum diuersis aliis .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Warthill charter chest.]

Carta Johanni Crukschank.¹ —(A.D. 1487.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Alexander Glaster de Glak salutem in Domino sempiternam Noueritis me . . . dedisse . . . et . . . confirmasse dilecto consanguineo meo Johanni Crukschank filio Villelmi Crukschank totas terras meas Templarias de Litill Verthill cum suis pertinenciis jacentes in regalitate de Garviacht infra vicecomitatum de Abirden pro seruicio et homagio suo mihi impenso et impendendo mihi et heredibus meis Tenendas . . . dicto Johanni heredibus suis de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . mihi et heredibus meis seruicium et homagium et in pecunia corrente quadraginta solidos . . . nomine feodifirme tantum quos quadraginta solidos assigno Capellanis Ecclesie Cathedralis de Abirden ad releuandum terras meas de Glak que terre mee de Glak sunt stricte onerate et dicte ecclesie obligate item domo Hospitilari de Torfecyne sexdecim solidos insuper Dominis de Fyve et Tuledefe cuilibet eorum quatuor solidos quinque denarios et obulum in vno annuo reddito ad dictos terminos . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum est appensum apud Glak decimo octauo die Januarii anno Domini millesimo quadingentesimo octogesimo sexto etc.

Declaracio Alexandri Glaster de Glak super venditione terrarum de Hilton Crombiny Little Warthill et Harelaw per ipsum facta Johanni Gordoune de Auchleuchry.² —(A.D. 1493.)

Anno etc. lxxxxiiij^o. [vij. die Junii] In presentia Dominorum Auditorum causarum et querelarum Parliamentj ac Domini Cancellarij constitutus honorabilis vir Alexander Glaster de Glak non vi aut metu ductus nec errore lapsus sed suo proprio motu ut asseruit / approbavit / ratificauit et pro se et heredibus suis pro perpetuo confirmauit illas donationem concessionem et venditionem alias per ipsum factas Johannj Gordoune de Auchleuchry super terris de Hiltoune Crombiny terris de Little Warthill et terris de Harelaw cum pertinentiis ac omnes obligationes desuper con-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Warthill charter chest]

² [From the Acta Dominorum Auditorum, p. 172.]

fectas Et insuper in sua anima declarauit quod ex sua mera libera voluntate et animo deliberato incompulso aut coacto prefatas infeodaciones conditiones obligationes et cartas dicto Johannj confecit / Et ea occasione prefatus Alexander Glaster reuocauit prouocauit et pro perpetuo adnullauit prout tenore presentis instrumentj ad animum reuocat prouocat et adnullat quoscunque procuratores cum literis assignationis aut cuiusvis potestatis per ipsum Alexandrum factos seu fiendos confectos seu conficiendos cuicunque aut quibuscunque persone seu personis in molestationem inquietationem aut perturbationem dicti Johannis Gordone heredum aut assignatorum suorum in possessione dictarum terrarum Declarando prefatos procuratores / si qui sint / futuris temporibus in iudicio aut extra nullius esse vigoris aut effectus / Et insuper idem Alexander in suo animo declarauit quod donatio per ipsum facta per cartam et preceptum sasine prefato Johanni Gordone super terris de Crombiny cum pertinentiis fuit per ipsum ex sua libera voluntate ut prefertur scripta sigillata et dicto Johanni deliberata per spatium vnus anni aut magis antequam prefatus Alexander aliqualem habuit comunicacionem cum Domino de Innys aut cum Jacobo Dowglas penes prefatas terras .

Inquisitio Johannis Crukschank.¹ —(A.D. 1509.)

Inquisitio facta fuit apud Aberdene tertia die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo nono in curia Templaria tenta per Johannem Colison balium Templi infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene per honorandum dominum Georgeum Dundas dominum Sancti Johannis de Torfiching vniuersaliter constitutum per subscriptos ad inquisitionem infrascriptorum nominatos et electos videlicet Walterum Berclay de Tolly Johannem Gardin de Latheris Johannem Gardin in Fortery Alexandrum Tulidef filium et apparentem heredem Andree Tulidef de eodem Johannem More Johannem Meldrum Walterum Wyschard Alexandrum Malvin Patricium Berclay Willelmum Vmfra et Willelmum Crukschank Qui iurati dicunt quod quondam Johannes Crukschank pater Johannis Crukschank latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad

[Abridged from the original in the Warthill charter chest.]

pacem et fidem supremi domini nostri Regis de terris de Litol Werthil cum pertinentiis jacentibus in regalitate de Garviauch et infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene et quod dictus Johannes est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam Johannis patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinentiis et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinentiis valent nunc per annum ad commodum et vtilitatem heredis et possessoris eorundem quinque marcis et tantum valuerunt tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de Domino Sancti Johannis preceptore de Torfiching per serui-cium feodifirme Reddendo inde annuatim dicto Domino et domui de Torfiching vnum annum redditum sexdecim solidorum vsualis monete regni Scocie ad festum Natiuitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste tantum . . . etc. Et quod dicte terre nunc existunt in manibus dicti Domini Sancti Johannis legitime per seipsum et a tempore obitus dicti quondam Johannis Cruk-schank qui obiit in mense Augusti vltimo elapsi in defectu veri heredis ius suum minime prosequentis In cuius rei testimonium sigillum prefati balliui Templi Johannis Colison vna cum sigillis quorundam qui huic inquisitioni intererant faciente presenti returnato sunt appensa apud Aberdene anno et die supradictis .

Hec est vera copia returnati principalis missi ad capellam prefati Domini Sancti Johannis extracta per me Johannem Baidenagh notarium publicum teste meipso hic me subscribente sub meo signo manuali .

Johannes Baidenagh notarius publicus etc.

Instrumentum saisine in favorem Stephani Leslie de Litol Warthill.¹ —
(A.D. 1582.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis

¹ [Abridged from the original in the Warthill charter chest.

On the twenty-seventh day of May, 1606, George Leslie of Crachie was served heir of conquest of Mr. William Leslie of Mekill Warthill, his brother, in the kirklands of Mekill Warthill in the regality of the Garioch, in the lands of Cairngall in the barony of Kellie, in a tenement and garden in Old Aberdeen, and in sixteen bovates of the lands of Auld Craig in the parish of Daviot.—(Inquisitiones Speciales Vicecomitatus Aberdonensis, no. 108.) And on the fifteenth day of July, 1606, Mr. James Leslie of Myltoun of Durroch was served heir in general of Mr. William Leslie of Warthill, his brother.—(Inquisitiones Generales, no. 260.)]

Dominice millesimo quingentesimo octuagesimo primo mensis vero Martii die vigesimo . . . In mei notarij publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus discretus vir Stephanus Leslie de Litill Warthill habens . . . suis in manibus quandam assedationem preceptum sasine in se continentem subscriptam per honorabilem virum Wilhelmum Leslie de Warderes necnon per Wilhelmum Leslie eius filium legitimum in signum sui consensus . . . ad infrascripta prefato Stephano Leslie suis heredibus assignatis subtenantibus et coadiutoribus pluribus aut uni de totis et integris terris crofti vulgo vocati *the Lang Croft* of Mekil Warthill cum suis . . . pertinentiis et cum decimis garbalibus et fructibus vicarie eiusdem pro spatio nouemdecim annorum Festum Pentecostes in anno 1582 proxime . . . sequentium per dictum Wilhelmum Leslie de Warders factam et concessam Quamquidem assedationem . . . modesto viro Johanni Mvrray in Auldrayn balliuo in hac parte dicti Domini de Warderss . . . presentauit . . . Quiquidem balliuus eandem assedationem . . . mihi notario publico subscripto ad perlegendum tradidit et preceptum in fine dicte assedationis . . . cuius tenor sequitur . . . ATTOUR be thir presentis . . . ordanis my loutis Johnne Mvrray in Auldrayn and ilk ane of thame . . . my . . . balyeis in that pairt . . . to pass efter the sicht of thir presentis to the landis of the saide Lang Croft and gif . . . stait and seasing to the saide Stevin his aris and assignais or thair lauchtfull procuratouris of . . . the saidis landis of Lang Croft of Mekill Warthill . . . for all the . . . termis of the saidis nyntene yeris abone mentionat affir the tennour of this present assedatioun in all poyntis . . . seillit and subscriuit be me and my said sone William Leslie in signe of his consent to the premises as is vnder wreittin at Durnocht the first day of Marche yeir of God ane thousand fiue hundretht four scoir ane yeir befoir thir witnes George Leslie my sone William Leslie in Durnocht Alexander Keillo Patrik Leslie and Maister Andro Thomsone notar publict *Et sic subscribitur* Wm. Leslie of Warderss witht my hand Wm. Leslie witht my hand Wm. Leslie in Durnocht witnes Patrik Leslie in Tullefour witnes Alexander Keillo witnes Mr. Androw Thomsone notar and witnes in the premisses witht my hand Ita est Andreas Kyng notarius publicus ac testis in premissis rogatus et requisitus manu propria POST HUIUSMODI precepti sasine . . . publicationem . . . prefatus balliuus . . . sasinam . . . crofte antedictæ cum pertinentiis prefato Stephano Leslie personaliter acceptanti

. . . deliberavit Super quibus omnibus . . . predictus Stephanus Leslie a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit instrumentum Acta erant hec super solum et fundum dicti *Lang Croft* . . . presentibus ibidem Georgeo Lamb de Custestoun Andrea Edward in Auldrayne Andrea Mann apud molendinum de Bonytoun Joanne Walcar et Jacobo Spence testibus ad premissa vocatis atque rogatis .

Et ego Andreas Thomsone artium professor clericus Abir-
donensis diocesis publicusque autoritate apostolica notarius
[etc. in forma communi.]

Service on Luesk etc.¹ —(A.D. 1682.)

January 27, 1682 . Special service of Alexander Ross as nearest heir of his brother John Ross sometime of Drumrossie in . . . these four ploughs of the town and lands of Luesk with the houses etc. commonty common pasturage . . . and pertinents with . . . the tithes . . . and with the . . . privilege . . . of casting peats and turf in the moss commonly called the Bishops Moss . . . lying in the parish of [Rayne] and shire of Aberdeen . . . and in security of said lands in . . . the lands of the town and lands of Pitscurrie and Sarbogs with the croft of Pitscurrie and with the sunny plough of the town and lands of Drumdurno lying towards the west part of the said town along with the croft of Drumdurno along with . . . commonty common pasturage . . . and pertinents . . . with the tithes vicarage and parsonage thereof lying in the barony of Balhagartie and shire foresaid . . . and also liberty of casting turf etc. in the forest and hill of Balnachie the moss and marishes of the same and in Auld Clochie . . . and likewise and equally in the just and equal half of one plough of the town and lands of Chappel of Garioch with the croft of the land called Craigsley with . . . commonty common pasturage . . . and pertinents . . . lying in the parish of Chappell of Garioch and shire foresaid Which whole four ploughs of the town and lands of Luesk with

¹ [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, MS. in archivis ejusdem.

The marches were settled, in the year, 1509, between the lands of Melkie Durno and Lowas. —(*Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis*, vol. i., p. 353.)]

the . . . pertinents and tithes . . . are held in chief of William Erskine of Pittodrie in free blench farm for yearly payment of one penny . . . Which whole towns and lands of Drumdurno and croft of Drumdurno with . . . tithes . . . etc. . . . are held in like manner . . . of the said William Erskine of Pitodrie in feu right for yearly payment of the sum of three shillings and four pence Scots . . . Which just and equal half of said one plough of the town and lands of Chappell of Garioch with the said croft called Craigsley . . . and pertinents . . . are similarly held . . . of the said William Erskin of Pitodry in feu farm for yearly payment of the sum of three shillings and four pence Scots . . .

THE PARISH OF OYNE.¹

*Carta feudifirme terrarum capellanie de Wasthall Willelmo Abbircrommye.*² —(A.D. 1544.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Laurentius Yowng capellanus per-

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 579, 580.]

The church of Oryn, with the land and pertinents, is said to have been granted to Matthew, bishop of Aberdeen, by King Malcolm the Maiden.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 7.) In the year 1256, the church of Owyn was erected into a prebend of the cathedral church of St. Machar at Aberdeen.—(Id., vol. ii., pp. 40, 252.) The superiority of the kirklands of Oryn was restored to the See of Aberdeen by Isabella of Douglas, countess of Marr and lady of the Garloch, in the year 1408.—(Id., vol. i., p. 207.)]

² [Abridged from a contemporary copy in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.]

In the year 1451, Edward Ramsay of Vesthall gave to John Malwile of Heruistone an annual rent of six merks from the half of the lands of Vesthall which he had acquired from the same John Maluil of Harviston; and the grant was confirmed by Robert, earl of Mar and the Garioch.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis vol. i., pp. 258, 259.) From Ramsay, the lands passed to Ingeram, bishop of Aberdeen in 1454.—(Id., vol. i., p. 261.) The Bishop granted them, in the same year, to a chaplain, celebrating the usual religious services for the souls of the founder, of the King (James II.) of his Queen, and of David Lindessay, second Earl of Crawford, in the cathedral church of Aberdeen.—(Id., vol. i., p. 264.) The annual rent, above mentioned, also passed, during the course of the same year, from Mailull, through the hands of Alexander of Stradachine of Dulleuarde into the possession of the Bishop.—(Id., vol. i., pp. 265-267.) In the same year also, Margaret Malvyl resigned her third part of the lands of Vesthale in favour of Edward Ramsay.—(Id., vol. i., p. 269.) The chaplainry of Westhall was granted, in the year 1574, to the King's College of Aberdeen, and to the principal, regents, masters, and bursars by King James VI.—(Fasti Aberdonenses, p. 129.)

petuus capellanie terrarum de Wasthall salutem . . . Noueritis me cum . . . consensu . . . Willelmi . . . Abirdonensis episcopi necnon decani et canonicorum capituli eiusdem . . . pro . . . rentalis . . . mei perpetua augmentatione dedisse . . . et ad feudifirmam . . . perpetuam hereditarie dimisisse . . . prouido viro Willelmo Abircrommye filio primogenito ac heredi apparenti Jacobi Abyrcrommye de Petmathen heredibus suis masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus forte deficientibus heredibus suis masculis seu eius assignatis quibuscunque pro nonnullis magnis pecuniarum summis . . . per dictum Wilhelmum . . . mihi persolutis . . . terras capellanie mee de Wasthall et molendinum eiusdem cum . . . pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Abirdeyne Tenendas . . . prefatas terras . . . et molendinum . . . de me et successoribus meis dicte capellanie . . . capellanis . . . in feudifirma . . . et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . mihi et successoribus meis antedictis . . . pro quinque illis aratris terrarum de Wasthall summam viginti sex librarum tredecim solidorum quatuor denariorum pro molendino quatuor libras tredecim solidos quatuor denarios pro brasina unacum crofta eiusdem viginti sex solidos octo denarios pro prato quatuordecim solidos pro sex duodenis pultrearum octodecim solidos pro septem bollis duabus firlotis auenarum triginta solidos pro arriagiis carriagiis seruitiis debitis et consuetis viginti quinque solidos . . . pro firmis . . . ex antiquo debitis necnon summam quinquaginta nouem solidorum octo denariorum in augmentationem rentalis mei . . . et tenentes dictarum terrarum et molendini in exercitiis Regiis et Regni mihi et successoribus meis seu nostris balliuis juxta morem patrie seruire tenebuntur necnon quilibet heres . . . postquam deuenerit ad legitimam etatem mihi et successoribus meis juramentum fidelitatis prestabit et quod me et successores meos ac sedem episcopalem Aberdonensem decanum et canonicos eiusdem nostrasque personas res et terras necnon Christianam et orthodoxam fidem fideliter pro posse . . . defendet . . . In quorum testimonium sigillum meum proprium cum mea subscriptione manuali sigillum etiam . . . predicti reuerendi patris unacum sigillo communi capituli cum eorum subscriptionibus manualibus in signum eorundem consensus . . . ad premissa presentibus sunt appensa Apud ciuitatem Abirdonensem decimo quarto die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo quarto coram his testibus Magistris Jacobo Multray vicario de Carnbe Roberto Skeyne vicario de

Logy Thoma Stewart Duncano Forbes Domino Petro Huchesone vicario
de Tullinessill Domino Jacobo Kill capellano Henrico Multray Alexandro
Berclay et Magistro Jacobo Skeyne notario publico cum diuersis aliis .

Willelmus Episcopus Abirdonensis	Joannes Cummyng de Deir
Robertus Erskyn decanus Abir-	Alex ^r . Galloway a Kynkell
donensis	Henricus Forsytht a Monymusk
Joannes Stewart thesaurarius Aber-	Thomas Sudderland de Ellon
donensis	Duncanus Burnett de Meythlik
Alex ^r . Spittall de Clat	Joannes Leythe de Phillortht
W ^a . Cabell de Tullinessill	Alex ^r . Kyd succentor.
Joannes Ogilvy de Crowden	

Carta Alexandro de Abircrumby. ¹ —(A.D. 1345—A.D. 1350.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Patricius Hayr filius et heres quondam Rogeri Hayr salutem . . . Sciatis presentes et futuri quod ego in graui mea necessitate victus et vestitus mei ac alienorum debitorum vltra modum oneratus vendidi . . . Alexandro de Abircrumby dimidiam partem totius terre mee de Ardhunyer videlicet quartam partem vnus dauati iacentem in le Haltona de Ardhunyer cum pertinenciis suis procul et prope subtus vel supra prout iacent . . . vnacum parte molendini et brasine que pertinet ad predictam terram pro quadam denariorum summa michi tradita . . . Tenendam . . . memoratam dimidiam partem terre mee eidem Alexandro heredibus suis et assignatis de me et heredibus meis in feudo et hereditate . . . de capitalibus dominis meis de le Garuyach aut eorum successoribus . . . Reddendo inde . . . annuatim vnum denarium nomine albe firme ad Festum Pentecostes si ab eisdem

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Forglen.

In the year 1362, Alexander of Abercromby, one of the Earl of Mar's tenants of the Garioch, having accepted a feu of the park of Galchull near Banff from the Bishop, Dean, and Chapter of Aberdeen, at the feuduty of ten merks sterling, gave his lands of Pethinalwhy and Herthill in security of the payment of the feuduty; and the Earl ratified this obligation.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. 1., pp. 92-94.) In the year 1407, Alexander Stewart, earl of Mar and lord of the Garioch, issued letters to the justiciar, sheriff, ballie, and mair of his regality of the Garioch, ordering them to distrain John of Abyrcromby, the heir of Alexander, for payment of this feuduty.—(Id., vol. 1., p. 212.)]

petatur michi et heredibus meis . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic carte mee apposui coram his testibus Domino Wilhelmo Dei gratia episcopo Aberdonensi Domino Daud Flemyng milite Johanne de Porteristone Johanne filio Michaelis et multis aliis .

*Carta Regia Umfrido de Abircrumby.*¹ —(A.D. 1457.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus . . . salutem Sciatis nos dedisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto nostro Umfrido de Abircrumby terras de Herthil Petmeddan Petmachy et terras octaue partis de le Haltoune de Ardovyn cum pertinenciis iacentes in le Garviach infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Aberdene Quequidem terre cum pertinenciis fuerunt dicti Umfridi hereditarie et quas idem Umfridus . . . in manus nostras apud Aberdene coram subscriptis testibus personaliter . . . resignavit . . . Tenendas . . . predicto Umfrido et heredibus suis de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde annuatim . . . nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris servicia de dictis terris debita et consueta In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendo in Christo patre Georgeo episcopo Brechinensi cancellario nostro dilectis consanguineis nostris Patricio domino Glamis Jacobo domino Forbes Jacobo de Levingstoune de Calentare magno camerario nostro Wilhelmo de Morauia de Tulibardin Magistris Jacobo Stewart decano Morauienti thesaurario nostro Thoma Waus decano Glasguensi secretario nostro et Niniano de Spot canonico Dunkeldensi nostrorum computorum rotulatore apud Aberdene vndecimo die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo septimo et regni nostri vicesimo primo .

*Instrumentum saisine in favorem Alexandri Abbircrommy.*¹ —(A.D. 1484.)

In nomine Domini Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno ab in-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Forglen.]

carnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octogesimo quarto mensis vero Augusti die vicesimo sexto . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presencia personaliter constitutus prouidus vir Allexander Abbircrommy filius et heres quondam Allexandri Abbircromy de Petmethan in manu sua tenens vnam literam de sasina de capella Regia more cancellarie supremi domini nostri Regis sigillatam . . . Thome Byssat maro exhibuit . . . cuius tenor sequitur . . . JACOBUS Dei gratia Rex Scotorum vicecomitibus et balliuis suis de Aberdein salutem Quia per inquisitionem per vos factam de mandato nostro et ad capellam nostram returnatam compertum est quod quondam Allexander Abbircrommy pater Allexandri Abbircromy latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem nostram de terris de Harthil Petmethan Petmachy et de terris octaue partis de Haltone de Ardoyn cum pertinenciis jacentibus in le Garviauch infra balliam vestram et quod dictus Allexander est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam Allexandri patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod de nobis tenentur in capite . . . Vobis precipimus . . . quatenus dicto Allexandro vel suo certo attornato latori presencium sasinam dictarum terrarum cum pertinenciis juste haberi faciatis . . . capientes securitatem de viginti marcis et sex solidis et octo denariis de firmis dictarum terrarum existentium in manibus nostris per vnum terminum sasina non recuperata Et de quadraginta et vna marcis de releuio earundem terrarum debitis . . . Teste meipso apud Edinbrugh septimo die mensis Augusti anno regni nostri vicesimo quinto QUA LITERA perlecta dictus Thomas marus vt supra vnum preceptum in papiro scriptum et sigillo nobilis viri Allexandri Irvyn de Drum ut apparuit sigillatum michi eciam notario subscripto exhibuit perlegendum vt sequitur in hac forma ALLEXANDER IRVYN of the Drum shireff deput of Abirdein to Thomas Byssat mair of fe and his deputis gretyn I chargis you this precep sene but delay that ye pas to the landis of Petmethan wyth ther pertinentis and to the landis of the aucht pairt of Haltone of Ordoynn with ther pertinentis and gif Allexander Abbircrommy stat and possession eftir the tenor of our souerane lordis lettres / ye takand souerte for a termys mail twenty mark and a half / and for the releff fourty mark and ane mark / the hail summe ane and fourty pund / quhilk for to do I comyt to you and your deputy ful pouer Writyn vnder my seil at the Drum the twenty fourth dai of August the ycir

of God ane thousand four hunder and auchty four yeiris **QUIBUS vero** perlectis . . . dictus Thomas accessit ad aulam de Petmethan et ibidem . . . in manibus dicti Allexandri sasinam . . . antedictarum terrarum cum pertinenciis . . . contulit . . . boue de sasina purpurii coloris electo appreciato et ad vsum dicti vicecomitis agitato . . . Acta erant hec apud Petmethan . . . presentibus ibidem honestis viris Domino Allexandro Symson vicario de Oryn Willelmo Leslie Duncano Gardin Willelmo Quhyt Thoma Mane et David Henryson testibus . . . et ad maiorem rei eiuentiam sigillum dicti Thome mari et datoris dicte sasine huic instrumento est appensum .

Et ego Thomas Ramssai presbyter Aberdonensis diocesis publicus auctoritatibus Imperiali et Regali notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

Inquisitio Georgii Abircromy.¹—(A.D. 1505.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Aberdene secundo die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watertone vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Abirden in curia vicecomitis eiusdem pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Patricium Berclay de Grantuly Johannem Lesly de Warderis Alexandrum Menzes de Fyndone Alexandrum Skene de eodem Alexandrum Red de Petfodells Andream Tulidef de eodem Walterum Lesly de Newlesly Johannem Cullan de Knavane Thomam Chamer de Methlik Thomam Lesly de Ardune Andream Cullane Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Patricium Bisset de Lossindrum Johannem Troup de Comolegy et Willelmum Pantoun de Haudauch Qui iurati dicunt quod quondam Alexander Abircromy pater Georgei Abircromy latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Harthill Petmethane Petmachy et de terris octaue partis de le Haltoun de Ardune cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in

¹ [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, vol. i. MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

At the same time, Marjory Movat, the widow of Alexander Abircromy, was found entitled to her terce of two thirds of these lands.—(Ibid.)]

le Gareauch infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Georgius est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Alexandri patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre cum suis pertinenciis valent nunc per annum quadraginta sex marcas et valuerunt decem libras tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis tenentur in capite de domino nostro Rege per seruicium varde et releuij Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis a vicesimo septimo die mensis Marcij datam presentis inquisicionis immediate precedentis legitime per seipsum ob decessum dicti quondam Alexandri patris sui in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis Datum et clausum sub sigillo officij dicti vicecomitis deputati et sigillis quorundam qui huic inquisicioni intererant faciente anno die mense et loco prenotatis .

Confirmatio et concessio Regis Georgio Abircrummy.¹ —(A.D. 1513.)

Apud Edinburghe . xviii. Februarii . j^m. v^o. xii. . Rex confirmavit dilecto suo Georgio Abircrummy de Petmeddane et heredibus suis terras de Petmeddane cum molendino earundem terras de Petmauchly Harthillis Cardene Newtoun octavam partem terrarum de Haltoun de Ardvne Andeiscroft et Petiscroft in vicecomitatu de Abirdene quas idem Georgius personaliter resignavit et quas Rex pro favore etc. in unam liberam baroniam de Petmeddane univit et incorporavit . Reddendo annuatim Regi tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia curie vicecomitatus de Abirdene necnon wardam etc. cum contigerint .

Confirmatio Regia Thome Lesly de Ardene ejusque sponse.² —(A.D. 1494.)

Apud Aberdene . xxviii. Aprilis . j^m. cccc. xciv. . Rex tanquam tutor et gubernator dilecti fratris sui Johannis comitis de Mar et Garviauche confirmavit dilecto suo Thome Lesly de Ardene et Elisabeth Blyndseil

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xviii., no. 145, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Ibid., lib. xiii., no. 188.]

ejus sponse et eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Thome quibuscunque quartam partem terrarum de Ardene in regalitate de Garviauche infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene quam dictus Thomas personaliter resignavit .

Inquisicio Roberti Innes. ¹ —(A.D. 1504.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene decimo sexto die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quarto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watertone vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Willelmum Fraser de Phillortht Gilbertum Hay de Ardendraugh milites Walterum Berclay de Towy Johannem Movat de Loscragy Andream Tulideff de eodem Willelmum Turing de Foverne Willelmum Craufurd de Federay Johannem Gardin de Latheris Thomam Fraser filium et heredem apparentem Andree Fraser de Stanyvod militis Alexandrum Caldour de Sonnaherd Robertum Dogud de Auchnahuff Alexandrum Wyntone de Andait Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Alexandrum Jhonstoun de eodem Thomam Chavmer de Strathachyne Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyuer Willelmum Blakhale de eodem Johannem Dunbrek de eodem Robertum Burnat de Balmade Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Walterus Innes de Innermerky pater Roberti Innes latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de quarta parte omnium terrarum de Auchlevin cum suis pertinenciis et de quatuor bouatis terrarum de Arduin cum suis pertinenciis et de vna dimidietate bouate terrarum de Harlaw cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Robertus est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Walteri patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicta quarta pars terrarum de Auchlevin cum pertinenciis valet nunc per annum sex libras et decem solidos et valuit quinque marcas tempore pacis Et quod dicte quatuor boate terrarum de Arduin valent

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. 1, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

nunc per annum duas marcas Et valuerunt viginti solidos tempore pacis Et quod dicta dimidietas bouate terrarum de Harlaw valet nunc per annum quadraginta denarios et valuit duos solidos tempore pacis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium vnde et relevij Et nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per spacium vnus anni aut eocirca et prius fuerunt in manibus domini Comitis de Mar per spacium quatuor annorum et dimidij ob decessum dicti quondam Walteri patris sui in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis .

Inquisicio Andree Lesly.¹ —(A.D. 1506.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene decimo tercio die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watterton vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Iruyn de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillorth milites Walterum Berclay de Towy Willelmum Turing de Foverne Willelmum Forbes de Towys Thomam Fraser de Stanyvod Alexandrum Johnstone de eodem Andream Tulidef de eodem Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyner Robertum Dogud de Auchnahuff Ranaldum Oudny filium et heredem apparentem Willelmi Oudny de eodem Alexandrum Gordon de Kennerty et Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Qui iurati dicunt quod quondam Willelmus Lesly pater Andree Lesly latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de tribus bouatis terrarum jacentibus in Buchanstoun et de vna bouata terrarum jacente in Ardune in regalitate de Gareache infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Andreas est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Willelmi patris sui de dictis quatuor bouatis terrarum cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. 1, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the sixth day of November, 1613, John Leslie was served heir of John Leslie, portioner of Buchanstoun, his grandfather, in a plough of the town and lands of Buchanstoun, and a third part of a plough of the town and lands of Ardoyne.—(Inquisitiones Speciales Vicecomitatus Aberdonensis, no. 590.)]

dicte quatuor bouate terrarum cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum decem libras et valuerunt decem solidos tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de suppremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium varde et releuij Et nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis legitime per seipsum ob decessum dicti quondam Willelmi per spacium duorum annorum ratione varde Datum et clausum etc.

Inquisicio Agnetis Leslie. ¹ —(A.D. 1507.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirden coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Wattirtone vicecomitis deputato de Abirden in pretorio burgi de Abirden in curia vicecomitis pro tribunali sedente penultimo die mensis Februarij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto per subscriptos videlicet Thomam Fraser de Stanewod Willelmum Craford de Federay Andream Tulidet de eodem Henricum Forbes de Kynneller Willelmum Blakhal de eodem Patricium Leslie Johannem Dunbrek de eodem Willelmum King de Bourty Johannem Knokis de eodem Willelmum Blakhal de Barroche de Bourty Johannem Dalgarnow de Dalgarnoy Finteray Willelmum Vrry de Petfeche et Ranaldum Oudny filium et heredem apparentem Willelmi Oudny de eodem Qui iurati dicunt quod quondam Henricus Leslie pater Agnetis Leslie latoris presencium obiit ultimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris duarum partium arratri borialis ville de Ardwne cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in regalitate de Gareache infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dicta Agnes est vna de legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti quondam Henrici patris sui de dictis terris duarum partium arratri cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum quadraginta solidos et valuerunt viginti solidos tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de suppremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium warde et releuij Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis legitime

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

At the same time, the same jury served Elizabeth Leslie one of the heirs to the same Henry Leslie, her father, in the same lands.—(Ibid.)]

per seipsum ratione decessus quondam dicti Henrici Leslie patris sui
 ratione warde per spacium annorum aut eocirca Datum et
 clausum sub sigillo officij dicti vicecomitis deputati et sigillis eorundem
 qui huic inquisitioni intererant faciende anno die mense et loco preno-
 tatis .

Carta Nicolaij Elphinstone.¹ —(A.D. 1509.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quamdam cartam
 . . . ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma . OMNIBUS hanc cartam
 visuris vel audituris Agnes Leslie cum consensu Johannis Makbeathe
 alias Cliddisdale sponsi mei et Elizabeth Leslie cum consensu Andree
 Alexandri sponsi mei heredes quondam Henrici Leslie quondam domini
 duarum partium aratri ville borealis de Ardene eternam in Domino salu-
 tem Noueritis nos . . . cum consensu et assensu maritorum seu sponso-
 rum nostrorum . . . vendidisse . . . honorabili viro Nicholao Elphin-
 stoun domino de Glak et Elizabeth Abircrumby eius sponse omnes et
 singulas terras nostras duarum partium aratri ville borealis de Ardene
 cum suis pertinentiis jacentes in regalitate de Garviauche infra vicecomi-
 tatum de Abirdene pro quadam certa summa pecunie quam dictus Nicho-
 layus nobis . . . persoluebat . . . Tenendas . . . prefatis Nicholayo et
 Elizabeth eius sponse ac eorum alteri diucius viuenti et heredibus inter
 ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus forte deficientibus heredi-
 bus dicti Nicholayii quibuscunque seu suis assignatis a nobis et heredi-
 bus nostris de supremo domino nostro Rege in feodo et hereditate imper-
 petuum . . . Faciendo . . . Regi et suis successoribus seruicium debitum
 et consuetum eidem warlam et releuium vt moris est . . . In cuius rei
 testimonium sigilla nostra in signum vendicionis vnacum sigillis mari-
 torum nostrorum Johannis et Andree predictorum in signum eorum as-
 sensus et consensus huic presenti carte nostre sunt appensa Apud Col-
 legium Vniuersitatis Abirdonensis decimo septimo die mensis Septembris
 anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo nono Coram hijs testibus Magis-
 tris Hectore Boecio rectore de Tyrie Willelmo Haye Alexandro Hay

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xix., no. 35.]

Roberto Arbuthnot Patricio Dunbar Andrea Kyninmond et Andrea Hunter laicis cum diuersis alijs .

Carta confirmationis Gilberti Fechate et Issobelle Myretoun eius sponse super terris de Northtoun etc. ¹ —(A.D. 1506.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quamdam cartam vendicionis et alienacionis . . . ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma . OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris Thomas Lesly de Ardune eternam in Domino salutem Noueritis me cum expressis consensu et assensu Elizabeth Blindseil sponse mee carissime . . . vendidisse . . . prouido viro Gilberto Fechate burgensi burgi de Abirdene et Isobelle Myretoune sponse sue eorumque alteri diucius viuenti in coniuncta infeodacione omnes et singulas terras meas quarte partis ville [de] le Northtoun de Ardune cum suis pertinenciis vnacum tenandria mea de Stanebrig alijsque meis tenendrijs et liberetenencium seruicijs cum suis pertinencijs jacentes in regalitate de Gareauche infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene pro quadam certa summa pecunie quam dictus Gilbertus michi . . . persoluebat . . . Tenendas . . . prefatis Gilberto et Isobelle sponse sue eorumque alteri diucius viuenti in coniuncta infeodacione et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus forte deficientibus heredibus propinquioribus dicti Gilberti et suis assignatis quibuscunque a me heredibus meis de supremo domino nostro Rege et suis successoribus Scotorum Regibus in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde annuatim . . . seruicium warde et releuij debitum et consuetum . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum et sigillum dicte Elizabeth sponse mee in signum sui consensus et assensus sunt appensa apud Abirdene vicesimo septimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto Coram [vene]rabili et honorabilibus et famosis viris Domino Thoma Myretoun thesaurario Abirdonensi Daud Menzeis de Petfodollis Gilberto Menzeis suo filio et apparente herede Johanne Mar Alexandro Mar Patricio Lesly Thoma Wod burgensibus dicti burgi Georgeo Congiltoune Willelmo Myll et Domino Jo-

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 228.]

hanne Striueling notario publico . QUAMQUIDEM cartam ac vendicionem . . . pro perpetuo confirmamus In cuius rei testimonium presenti *carte* nostre confirmacionis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Edinburghe duodecimo die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto et regni nostri decimo octauo .

Carta confirmacionis et admortazationis Gilberti Fichat et Isobelle Miretoun. ¹ —(A.D. 1506 et A.D. 1509.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quamdam cartam donationis . . . ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma . OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris Gilbertus Fechat burgensis burgi de Abirdene et Isobella Myretoun sponsa mea eternam in Domino salutem Noueritis nos vnanimi consensu et assensu in augmentum diuini cultus honorem Dei Omnipotentis Beatissime Virginis Marie Sancti Nicholaij et Omnium Sanctorum pro salute animarum Jacobi quarti Scotorum Regis inuictissimi et Margarete Regine sue illustrissime animarumque quondam Jacobi tertij Regis Scotorum metuendissimi et Margarete Regine sue parent[um] suorum antecessorum et successorum ac pro salute animarum nostrarum parentum nostrorum benefactorum et eorum a quibus aliqua minus iuste habemus et omnium fidelium defunctorum dedisse . . . Deo Omnipotenti Gloriosissime Virgini Marie et Omnibus Sanctis ac ecclesie Fratrum Carmelitarum burgi de Abirdene et priori conuentuique eiusdem et suis successoribus prioribus et conuentibus dicte domus infra ecclesiam diuina celebrantibus omnes et singulas terras nostras quarte partis ville de Northtoun de Ard̄ne cum suis pertinentijs jacentes in regalitate de Gariauch infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene ex nostro proprio conquestu recuperatas Tenendas . . . a nobis heredibus nostris et nostris assignatis de supremo domino nostro Rege in puram et perpetuam elimosinam imperpetuum . . . Reseruato tamen per omnia liberotenemento dictarum terrarum . . . nobis et nostr[um] diucius viuenti pro toto tempore vite nostre ac diutius viuentis Celebrando dicti Prior et conuentus ac sui successores priores et conuentus eiusdem quolibet die vnam Missam ad altare Sancte

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xv., no. 22.]

Anne infra ecclesiam prelibatam situatum pro salute omnium animarum prescriptarum animarumstrarum ac omnium fidelium defunctorum perpetuis temporibus futuris . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigilla nostra sunt appensa apud dictum burgum vicesimo sexto die mensis Junij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto coram venerabili et honorabilibus et famosis viris Domino Thoma Myertoune thesaurario Abirdonensi David Menzeis de Petfodellis Gilberto Menzeis preposito Johanne Mar Johanne Ratre duobus balliuorum Patricio Leslie Willelmo Kintor burgensibus dicti burgi ac Domino Johanne Striueling notario publico cum diuersis aliis . QUAMQUIDEM cartam ac donacionem . . . pro perpetuo confirmamus Saluis nobis et successoribus nostris predictorum Prioris et successorum suorum oracionum suffragiis deuotarum tantum In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . apud Edinburgh vicesimo quarto die mensis Januarij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octauo et regni nostri vicesimo primo .

THE PARISH OF DAVIOT.¹

Instrumenta super officio clerici parrochialis parrochie de Dauiot.² —
(A.D. 1550.)

Vigesimo tertio Aprilis anno Domini xv^{to} quinquagesimo Eodem die

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 580-582.]

The church and "shire" of Daviot are said to have been granted to the See of Aberdeen by King Malcolm the Maiden.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. 1, pp. 4, 7.) The church of Danyoth with its pertinents was confirmed to Edward, bishop of Aberdeen, by Pope Adrian IV in the year 1157.—(Id., vol. 1., p. 85.)

On the eleventh day of May, 1602, George Leslie was served heir male of Mr. Robert Leslie of Aldcraig, his father, in the town and lands of Aldcraig, within the shire of Daviot.—(Inquisitiones Speciales Vicecomitatus Aberdonensis, no. 85.) And on the twenty-seventh day of May, 1606, George Leslie of Crachie was served heir of conquest of Mr. William Leslie of Mekill Warthill, his brother, in sixteen bovates of the same lands of Aldcraig, in the kirklands of Mekill Warthill in the regality of Garechoe, in the lands of Cairngall in the barony of Kellie, and in a tenement and garden in Old Aberdeen.—(Ecd., no. 103.)

² [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

personaliter constitutus Magister Andreas Leslie clericus parochialis de Dauiot omne juris clameum titulum quem vel quod habet ad officium huiusmodi clericatus de Dauiot in manibus parochianorum in fauorem sui dimisit et resignauit Denique statim et immediate Thomas Daudsone Mallota Elphinston Andreas Greige Johannes Keyth Willelmus Matheris Willelmus Philp Willelmus Brvis Johannes Jhonstone Johannes Daudsone Andreas Criste Johannes Mvrdo Willelmus Senzeour Willelmus Styll Dauid Senzeour Willelmus Duncane Willelmus Wdo Johannes Patersone Agnes Criste Besseta Philp Dauid Hyll Johannes Sowtar Johannes Andree Johannes Couper Thomas Kempe Andreas Duncane Elezebet Cromine domina de Glak Willelmus Duncan Dauid Sowtar Henricus Maling Joneta Kyng Alexander Johnston Andreas Johnston Mallota Criste Jacobus Duncan Willelmus Criste Andreas Blyth Cristian Litoljohne Mariota Bannerman Andreas Duncan Johannes Clark Willelmus Endeaucht Georgius Andersone Alexander Henersone Thomas Mvrdo Alexander Fudes Johannes Brovne Ebbota Criste Willelmus Brovistar Willelmus Henersone Alexander Strath Johannes Philp Thomas Andersone Willelmus Duncan Johannes Findlay Jacobus Wobstar Johannes Patre Johannes Waulcar Patricius Quhit Andreas Herve Willelmus Benet Gilbertus Styll Willelmus Hyll Andreas Maling Adamus Hyll Joneta Hyll Johannes Patersone Alexander Cowe Jacobus Chapman Andreas Daudsone Elezebet Maling Johannes Nicholl Johannes Findlay Alexander Daudsone Thomas Daudsone Jacobus Myll Thomas Myll Alexander Myll et Willelmus Myll tales parochiani de Dauiot infra diocesan Aberdonensem saltem maior et sanior pars eorundem suas electiones et vota dederunt Johanni Leslie studenti in Abirdene aut eidem Magistro Andree Leslie an sibi placuerit ac eundem Johannem seu Magistrum Andream in voluntate dicti Magistri Andree in suum clericum parochialem elegerunt per resignacionem dimissionem seu mortem Andree Beith seu quocunque titulo habito per dictum Magistrum Andream seu quocunque modo vacare contigerit Super quibus Magister Andreas Leslie a me notario publico petiit instrumentum Acta infra dictam parochiam inter horas octauam ante meridiem et quintam post meridiem coram testibus Johanne Mvrdo Thoma Daudsone et me notario .

Ac etiam idem Magister Andreas prouisit ut attendendo confirmacione dicti

officii clericatus parochialis eidem Magistro Andree seu dicto Johanni Leslie Willelmus Philp admittatur in officio clerici deputati Super quibus idem petiit instrumentum Acta in dicta parochia hora post meridiem quinta testantibus quibus supra .

Secundo Augusti anno Domini xv^{to} quinquagesimo Eodem die personaliter constitutus Magister Andreas Leslie clericus parochialis et pacificus possessor officii clericatus de Dauiot [infra] diocesis Aberdonensem dicto officio clericatus cum juribus titulo et pertinenciis renunciavit ac ipsius clericatus officium cessit et dimisit prout pro perpetuo dimittit Super quibus petiit instrumentum Acta apud Mosfedell hora nona ante meridiem testantibus Thoma Kemp David Reche Johanne Leslie et me notario publico Eodem die anno quo supra Patricius Hoyme Mallota Criste Willelmus Lang David Sowtar Andreas Duncane Alexander Strautht Johannes Johnston Willelmus Duncane Alexander Duncane Andreas Blyth Jacobus Duncane Andreas Duncane Mariota Banerman Andreas Johnsonsone Alexander Hyll Johannes Maling Johannes Androw Thomas Cove Cristina Litilljohne Willelmus Endeaucht Willelmus Duncane Alexander Fudes Willelmus Henersone Patricius Mateus Alexander Henersone Patricius Quhit Willelmus Cutberd Johannes Findlay Jacobus Wobstar Alexander Duncan Johannes Patre Jacobus Waulcar Alexander Johnsonsone Andreas Maling David Reche Thomas Kempe Willelmus Hyll Jacobus Alexander Elezebet Maling Johannes Johnsonsone Gilbertus Styll Jacobus Chapman Andreas Hyll Alexander Cowet Willelmus Waulcar Alexander Myll Johannes Findlaye / Johannes Nicholl Adamus Myll Katrina Leslie Elezebet Maling Joneta Hyll Thomas Daudsone Thomas Myll Marioria Fudes Andreas Reche Margreta Trumbill Ebota Kemp Willelmus Maling Andreas Myll Thomas Stevin Alexander Myll Alexander Gawane Willelmus Senyeour Willelmus Wdo David Senyeour Elezebet Coupas Johannes Cordinar David Hyll Willelmus Senyeour Johannes Mvrdo Tales parrochiani suprascripti et plures alii dicte parrochie de Dauiot saltem maior et sanior pars dicte parrochie omnes etc. elegerunt et quilibet eorum elegit Johannem Leslie studentem seu scolarem in Abirdone tanquam habilem et ydoneam personam in clericum parrochiale dicte parrochie ac ipsi singulatim suas

electiones huiusmodi officii eidem Johanni dederunt cum promissione de rato et grato etc.

Et ne eorum ecclesia administratione destituta remaneat / Willelmum Abirdonensem episcopum quamvis absentem postularunt quatenus eundem Johannem antedicto officio admittere cum juribus eiusdem dignaretur et quocunque modo vacare contigerit Super quibus dictus Magister Andreas Leslie et Johannes Leslie petierunt instrumenta Acta in dicta parochia [inter] horas octauam ante meridiem et tertiam post meridiem Testantibus Magistro Andrea Leslie Johanne Myrdo Thoma Kemp David Reche et me notario .

Elena Patersone facit Alexandrum Myll suum filium procuratorem suum ad resignandum tenentiam suam de Lunfurd. ¹ —(A.D. 1549.)

Duodecimo Februsarii anno xv^o xlvij^o. Eodem die personaliter constituta Elena Patersone in Lunkfurd in parochia de Dauiot fecit et constituit per presentes Alexandrum Myll suum filium primogenitum suum procuratorem ad comparendum coram reuerendo in Christo patre Willelmo Abirdonensi episcopo eiusve camerario potestatem in similibus habente quibuscunque diebus et locis ad resignandum pure et simpliciter sursum deliberandum suam tenentiam quatuor bouatarum de Lunfurd in manibus dicti domini Episcopi seu alterius potestatem in similibus habentis in fauorem dicti Alexandri sui filii Et ad ponendum eundem in rentali dicti reuerendi patris et ad delendum nomen dicte Elene et non aliter cum promissione de rato et grato Denique idein Alexander fide media causantibus premissis obligauit se suos executores et assignatos ad debite sustentandum dictam Elenam suam matrem in esculentis et poculentis victu et vestitu quamdiu vixerit eadem Super quibus petierunt instrumenta Acta apud Dauiot hora pomeridiana quinta coram testibus Domino Roberto Allirdes vicario de Auchterles Magistro Andrea Leslie Domino Willelmo Gledstanis Roberto Scot et me notario .

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

Decretum arbitrorum inter Alexandrum Forbes et Georgium Forbes suum patrum.¹—(A.D. 1487.)

In dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo sexto mensis vero Januarii x^o . . . In mei notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum presentia personaliter constituti honorabiles viri Alexander Menzes prepositus de Abirden Alexander Chaumer de Murthil Henricus Forbes de Kynnellar Alexander Mouat de Luscragy Jacobus Lesle de Petcapill Willelmus Cuminge de Inuerrelloghe et Magister Valterus Forbes rector de Aubatroule arbitri et amicales componitores electi inter nobilem virum Alexandrum Forbes de Petslego ex una et Georgium Forbes suum patrum partibus ex altera penes clameum dicti Georgii in et ad terras de Lethindy jacentes in regalitate de Gareach terras de Kynmundy in baronia de Kyneduard et terras de Auchintol cum suis pertinentiis jacentes in baronia de Aufurde infra vicecomitatum de Abirden et super cartis earundem et litteris . . . possessis per eundem Georgium aut quas recuperare poterit . . . prout in compromisso inde confecto plenius continetur Quiquidem amicales componitores rationibus . . . utriusque

¹ [Abridged from the Notary's Protocol, entitled "Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen," vol. i, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the fifteenth day of July, 1395, Malcolme of Dromonde, lord of Marr and the Garioch, leased to Robert Burnard in Malingall the land of Lethyndy, as long as it should be in his hands by recognition from Paule Crab, for yearly payment of four pounds.—(Original in the charter chest of Sir John Stuart Forbes of Pitsligo and Fettercairn, baronet.) Alexander Forbes of Kynnaldy, in the year 1455, sold to John of Clat, canon of Aberdeen, an annual rent of fifty-three shillings and four pence from his lands of Lethyndy in the regality of the Garioch.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i, pp. 276, 277.) In the year 1457, John of Clat, applied these and other funds to the endowment of a chaplain performing religious services at the altar of St. Katarine in the cathedral of St. Machar for the souls of the founder, his father, his mother, of King James II., and of Alexander Stewart, earl of Mar.—(Id., vol. i, pp. 279, 280.) On the eleventh day of January, 1485, Alexander Forbes was served heir to Alexander Forbes of Kynnaldy and Petslego, knight, his grandfather, (who died in the month of March, 1477), in the lands of Lethynty, held of the King as Earl of the Garioch by service of blench farm, for rendering yearly of a pair of spurs, and valued at twenty merks, and ten pounds in time of peace. On the ninth day of November, 1496, John Forbes of Petslego was seised as heir to Alexander Forbes of Petslego his father, upon a royal precept in his favour, in the lands of Lathintie, though the donator of the ward complained against this service that the heir was only nine years of age, and that they had retoured the lands as held blench farm, and as worth only £20 yearly, while they were held by service of ward and relief, and were worth £30 yearly.—(Originals in the charter chest of Sir John Stuart Forbes of Pitsligo and Fettercairn, baronet.)]

partis hinc inde . . . consideratis mature auisati Deum et bonam conscientiam præ oculis habentes decreuerunt unanimi consensu . . . quod dictus Alexander Forbes de Petslego infeodaret per cartam et litteras saisine . . . dictum Georgium in decem libratas terrarum suarum de Coldstane . . . pro toto tempore vite ipsius Georgii necnon infeodaret eundem Georgium in uno annuo reddito quatuor mercarum usualis monete Scotie annuatim leuando de terris suis de Lethindy jacentibus in regalitate de Gareach ad . . . conseruandum prefatas decem libratas terrarum de Coldstane et ipsum Georgium indempnem de uno annuo reddito quatuor mercarum Archiepiscopo Sancti Andree de eisdem terris de Coldstane annuatim ratione feodifirme debito Tenendas dictas terras et annum redditum de seipso et heredibus suis in alba firma pro suo fidei seruitio et homagio sibi Alexandro impensis et impendendis durante tempore vite sue Et cum dictum feofamentum factum et sigillatum fuerit vero sigillo ipsius Alexandri Forbes et deliberatum in manibus ipsius prepositi ad utilitatem et commodum dicti Georgii tunc immediate idem Georgius resignaret . . . imperpetuum totum jus et juris clameum . . . que . . . habuit aut habere poterit . . . in et ad prenominate terras de Lethindy Kynmondy et Auchintoule cum pertinentiis per decessum olim Willelmi Forbes fratris sui germani aut alias quouismodo . . . Insuper decreuerunt ipsum Georgium ad dandum eidem Alexandro litteram seruicii et homagii pro toto tempore vite sue necnon ordinarunt prefatum Alexandrum Forbes de Petslego ad . . . confirmandum [contractum] faciendum inter Daud Ogilvy de Tolmad et eundem Georgium de terris de Coldstane et Lethindy pro toto tempore vite dicti Georgii secundum decretum . . . certorum amicabilium componitorum inter homines pariter electorum . . . Super quibus omnibus . . . dictus Georgius sibi petiit publicum instrumentum Acta erant hec infra locum Fratrum Predicatorum hora quasi decima ante meridiem . . . presentibus Daud Ogiluy de Tolmad Thoma Prat Thoma Chaumer Johanne Mouat filio Domini de Luscragy Georgio Forbes fratre Domini de Bruks et Johanne Kyntor testibus ad premissa vocatis . Ad maiorem eiudentiam premisorum sigillum dicti Alexandri Menzes prepositi huic presenti instrumento est appensum de speciali mandato dictorum componitorum .

Et ego Johannes Stirueling presbiter Sancti Andree dioceseos publicus auctoritatibus Imperiali et Regia notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

The indenturis betuene Murthou of Glaystir of Lumgeir and Gilbert of Jonston of Balnedache. ¹ — A.D. 1428.

This indentur made in Abirdone the ten day of August the yer of our Lord a thousand four hunder twenty and aucht yer betuen Murthou of Glaystir of Lumgeir on a part and Gilbert of Jonston of Balnedache on the tothir part beris witnes in maner efter folowand / that is to say / That Andru Glaystir sone and ayr to the said Murthou als sone as he cummis to perfyte eble sal mary Jonete of Lychtoun full sister til Elene of Lychtoun spouse to the said Gilbert and the marriage beand fulfillit the said Murthou is oblisit be gud fayth lely and treuly to joynt feft the forsaidd Andru and Jonet coniunctly and the langast lyvand of thame als far as in hym is in the landis of the Hilton within the schirredome of Mernis and failyeand tharof thru alienaceon he sal joynt feft tham in als mykill in als comenand place / the frendis of the said Jonet obtenand the Kingis consent thairto and makand the costis tharof To be haldin to tham and to the langast lyvand and to the airis to be gottin betuen thaim with all commoditeis and profytis to tha landis pertenant or mayand pertene be reasone and law For the quhilk mariage to be fulfillit betuen the personis fornemit the said Gilbert has now payt in hand to the said Murthou forty pundis of vsuale monay of Scotland and incontinent efter the fulfilling of mariage and joynt feftment gyvin the said Gilbert is oblisit be gude fayth for to pay forty marcis of vsuale monay of Scotland to the said Murthou his ayris executouris or assignez And the payment of the said forty marcis failyeand the tym befor writtin the profytis of the said joynt feftment remaynand with the said Murthou to the tym the said sovm be fully assithit on a day And gif it hapnis / as God forbede / the said mariage to failye thru decese of the said Andru and Jonet or ane of thaim or gif the said Andru will nocht wilfully fulfill the said mariage the said Murthu oblisit nuw as than to the said Jonet and failyeand of hir to Maister Lichtoun hir brothir and failyeand of hym til Alisandir of Lichtoun his brother and failyeand the persounis foirnemit / as God forbede / til Elene of Lichtoun befoirsaid and til hir ayris / the landis of Glak within the schyr of Davyot and in

¹ [From a transcript in the possession of Joseph Robertson, Esq.]

the scheruedom of Abirdene for the said sovin of fourty pundis to be haldin and had to the persounis befor writtin with all cominoditeis and fredomis as wadsettyng quhil he the said Murthou his aris executouris or assignez on a day betuen the sonn rysyng and to gangyng have fully payit the said fourty pundis til ony of the persounis befor writin in the parys kirk of Davyot / the malis resaut of the said land in the mene tym nocht covntit in the princepale sovin of fourty pundis / payand yerly the said Jonet and the persounis befor tayleit all chargis of the said land to the kirk of Aberdone and to the Bischapis beand for the tym and makand the said land of Glak free at thair vscher lyke as ony of thaim resavis it at thair entre And for mar sikernes of al thingis forsaid to the part of this indentour remaynand with the said Gilbert the forsaid Murthou has put to his seele and to the part remaynand with the said Murthou the said Gilbert forthi that he has na seele of his owin he has procurit the seele of Jonn of Jonston his fadir to be to put befor Maister Walter Ydill vicar of Inuerovry Alisandir of Lychtoun and Jon of Jonstoun the day the yer and place befor wrytin .

*Instrumentum sasine pro Andrea de Glastir et Joneta de Lichton sponsa sua.*¹ —(A.D. 1432.)

Universis . . . ad quorum noticiam presentes litere pervenerint Thomas de Lumger balliuis in hac parte Murdaci de Glastir domini medietatis baronie de Dunoter infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardyn salutem in Domino Noverit vniversitas vestra me de precepto et speciali mandato prefati Murdaci dedisse et per terre ac lapidum traditionem vt moris est assignasse Andree de Glastir filio suo et heredi et Jonete de Lichtoun sponse eiusdem Andree et eorum diutius viventi ac heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreatis et procreandis saisinam hereditariam . . . totius terre de la Hiltoun de Lumger cum pertinentiis jacentis in dicta baronia infra vicecomitatum predictum ad dictum Murdacum de Glastir spectantis secundum formam et tenorem eiusdem carte eisdem per eundem Murdacum desuper confecte . Et hoc omnibus quorum interest . . . notum facio per

¹ [Abridged from a transcript in the possession of Joseph Robertson, Esq.]

presentes quibus in huiusmodi saisine testimonium sigillum meum apposui apud la Hyltoun prenominatam quarto die mensis Septembris anno Domini m^o quadringentesimo et trigesimo secundo presentibus Domino Gilberto Emery vicario de Fetheressow Jacobo Trayl Johanne Tosach et Andrea Donald cum aliis testibus ad hoc specialiter vocatis .

The lettres of reuersioun of Alexander Jhonstoun of that Ilk and Agnes Glaster his spouss. ¹ —(A.D. 1481.)

Be it made kend til al men be thir present vrettingis ws Alexander Johnstoun of that Ilk and Agnes Glaster my spouss to be bund and stratlie oblist and be the faithtis in our bodiis bindis and oblissis ws and ilk ane of ws and our ayris lauchfully gottin betuix ws or to be gottin and failyeand tharof of the ayris of me the said Alexander lauchfull quhatsumeuer til ane honorabil man Alexander Glastir of that Ilk and til his ayris and assignais Forsamekle that the saide Alexander of Glaster has sauld til ws heritably be charter and possessione ane annuall rent of four merkis of the vsuall money of Scotland to be lyftit and rasyt yerely of his landis of the Hiltoun liand in the barony of Dunnottir within the sherefdom of Kyncardin togedyr with the landis of the Glake and the half of the landis and toune of Lytil Werkylle with a toft and croft and twa oxane gange of the landis and toun of the Harlaw liand in the erldome of the Gariauch within the sherefdome of Abirdene gevin in warandysse for the said annuell rent as in the charteris made tharuppoune mar fullylely is contenyt Nochtwithstanding your vniuersite sal wite that quhat tyme it sal happin the said Alexander Glaster his ayris or assignais to pay content and refunde til ws or oiny of ws the langast liefar of ws twa or to the ayris gottin or to be gottin betuix ws or falyeand tharof to the ayris of me the said Alexander Johnstoun or til our assignais the soume of fourty pundis of the vsual mone of Scotland all togeder and at anys apone a day betuix the sone rysing and gaing to of that ilk one xv. dais warnnyng be open proclamation in our paroche kyrk made be the Bischopis vretin or personaly apprehendyt apone Sancte Serwe altar in

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the parochie kyrk of Monkege thar to be tald and nowmeryt befor notabil witnes that in contentment of the deliuerans and payment of the said soume of fourty pundis to be maid in maner and forme as said is we and the langast leifar of ws twa and our ayris and assignais forsaide rasauouris of the said soume sal frely resigne renunce ourgyf and quiet clame the said annuel rent of the Hiltoune togedir with the forsaide landis of the Glak Lytil Werkyl with the tofte and croft and twa oxene gange of the towne of the Harlaw with thair pertinentis gevin in varandiss of the said annuell rent togedir with all charteris auedentis documentis and instrumentis to the said Alexander Glaster his ayris or assignais makaris of payment of the said some but ony impediment question or demand And gif it sal happin ws or ony of ws our ayris forsaide or our assignais til absent ws or ony ane of ws fraudefully or wylfully fra the payment and rasauing of the said some in maner and forme as forsaide is as God forbede we do than it sal be lesum and lauchful to the said Alexander Glaster his ayris executouris or assignais to nowmer and tel the said some apoun the forsaide altar befor notabil witnes and gif it in ferme keping to the curate of the said kyrk to the wss and the profyte of ws and the langast leifar of ws and til our ayris forsaide or our assignais And this beand done the said Alexander Glaster his ayris and assignais sal haf fre intre and regress to the saide annuell togidder with the forsaide landis of the Glak the half of Lital Werkyl and the Harlaw with thair pertinens gevin in warrandiss of the said annuell of the Hiltoune all fraud and gile and excepcioun secludit and away put In witnes of the quhilk thingis to this present vreting I the said Alexander Jhonstone for me and my forsaide spouss has appensyt my seil at the Glak the xxvij. day of the moneth of Nouember the yer of God ane thousand four hundretht four schor and a yer .

De cessione terrarum de Glak etc.¹ —(A.D. 1493.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis

¹ [Abridged from the Notary's Protocol, entitled "Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen," vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.

About the year 1294, Henry, bishop of Aberdeen, confirmed to Adam of Pilmure the lands

Dominice millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo tertio mensis vero Maii die octauo . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter comparuit Alexander Glaster olim de Glak coram honorabilibus viris Alexandro Reid de Petfoddellis preposito et Dauid Prat uno balliuorum burgi de Abirden in pretorio eiusdem pro tribunali sedentibus qui . . . uniuersos et singulos contractus . . . factos . . . inter ipsum ex una et honorabilem virum Johannem Gordone de Lumger partibus ex altera et notanter venditiones . . . concessiones . . . et sasinarum traditiones . . . terrarum de Lumger et Hiltone cum suis pertinentiis jacentium infra vicecomitatum de Kincardin et terrarum de Crommy et Litile Warthile et duorum [tenementorum] de Herlaw et terrarum de Glak cum suis pertinentiis infra vicecomitatum de Abirden necnon omnes et singulas cartas sasinarum et litteras . . . quasunque huiusmodi terrarum eidem Johanni desuper confectas . . . confirmauit imperpetuum Insuper dictus Alexander Glaster magnum corporale prestitit iuramentum expressatis sacrosanctis Dei Ewangeliis quod ad premissa non fuit . . . coactus . . . sed eadem sana mente et voluntate spontanea perfecerat . . . Et ad maiorem euidentiā premissorum sigillum secretum dicti burgi sigillaque prepositi et ballivi prelibatorum presenti instrumento appendenda ad perpetuam rei memoriam reuerentia debita procurauit Super quibus omnibus . . . dictus Johannes Gordone a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum . . . Acta erant hec infra pretorium Abirdonense hora quasi undecima ante meridiem . . . presentibus ibidem venerabili viro Magistro Duncano Scherar rectore de Clat ac canonico Abirdonensi honorabilibus et famosis viris Alexandro Menzeis Roberto Blinsell Thoma Prat Andrea Branche Thoma Waus Patricio Reid Patricio Leslie *Lindesay Herrold* Johanne Retre burgensibus eiusdem burgi et Henrico Chepman famulo dicti Alexandri testibus ad premissa vocatis pariter et rogatis .

of Glak, formerly held by his father.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i. p. 36.) In the year 1381, these lands were held by Alice of Glak —(Id., vol. i., p. 135.) In the year 1418, Murdach Glastir was served heir to Alice Pilmor his mother in these lands —(Id., vol. i., p. 216.) Andrew of Glaster, possessor of the half barony of Dunoter, and of the lands of Glak, in the year 1438, sold an annual rent of forty shillings from these lands of Glak to Master Alan of Futhas, canon of Moray, who, next year, granted it to the Dean and Chapter of the cathedral of Aberdeen to found an anniversary.—(Id., vol. i., pp. 234-236.)]

Instrumentum resignationis in favorem Nicholayi Elphinstoun.¹ —(A.D. 1499.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo nono mensis vero Nouembris die decimo tertio . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Andreas Elphinstone de Selmys . . . terras suas de Glak cum suis pertinentiis jacentes in schira de Daviot infra vicecomitatum de Abirden in manibus reuerendi in Christo patris ac domini Willelmi . . . episcopi Abirdonensis domini superioris earundem . . . sursum reddidit . . . ad dandum easdem Nicholayo Elphinstoun fratri suo Et consequenter idem reuerendus in Christo pater dictas terras de Glak cum suis pertinentiis prefato Nicholayo per donationem baculi sui contulit . . . secundum tenorem carte inde sibi confecte Super quibus omnibus . . . dictus Nicholayus a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum . . . Acta erant hec in Palatio dicti reuerendi in Christo patris infra ciuitatem suam Abirdonensem hora quasi presentibus ibidem venerabilibus et famosis viris Magistro Jaspero Cranstone rectore de Fetheressoy Domino Thoma Myrtoun rectore de Tiry Georgio Ogiluy filio et herede apparenti Walteri Ogiluy de Boyn .

Andrew Elphinstoune his instrument of electione of his fader in lawe
John Wardlaw his curator and balye.² —(A.D. 1515.)

In Dei nomine Amen . Per hoc presens publicum instrumentum cunctis pateat euidenter quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo decimo quinto mensis vero Septembris die nono . . . In mej notarij publicij et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honorabilis adolescens Andreas Elphinstoun filius quondam Andree Elphinstoun de Selmys necnon frater et heres quondam Magistri Willel-

¹ [Abridged from the Notary's Protocol, entitled "Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen," vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Logie-Elphinstone.]

mi Elphinstoune prepositi de Boithuile . . . Elegit honorabilem virum Johannem Wardlaw de Ricartoune suum patrem in lege suum verum vnicum et indubitatum curatorem ad intromittendum cum omnibus et singulis suis terris et annuis redditibus cum pertinentiis sibi Andree pertinentibus ratione decessus dicti quondam Magistri Willelmi Elphinstoun fratris sui . . . Necnon ad intromittendum cum omnibus bonis suis mobilibus Et desuper ad commodum et vtilitatem ipsius Andree disponendum vsque ad ipsius legitimam etatem Ac eciam dictus Andreas Elphinstoune constituit dictum Johannem Wardlaw suum verum et indubitatum ballium de omnibus et singulis terris suis tenementis et annuis redditibus tam infra burgum quam extra cum plenaria potestate ad intromittendum leuandum et percipiendum annuatim et terminatim firmas redditus et proficua earundem durante tempore predicto tenentesque in huiusmodi terris et tenementis remouendum et imponendum . . . Et medio tempore idem Andreas iuravit solemniter tactis sacrosanctis Dei Ewangelijis quod premissa nuncquam reuocaret nec premissorum aliquo aliquid deueniret incontrarium . . . Super quibus . . . prefati Johannes Wardlaw et Andreas Elphinstoune . . . sibi fieri petierunt hoc presens publicum instrumentum . . . Acta erant hec in villa de Corstorphin hora tertia post meridiem . . . presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris videlicet Alexandro Forstare de Corstorphin milite Dominis Johanne Jakson Waltero Baxtar capellanis Johanne Hereot Gilberto Gawmont Johanne Doby Johanne Davling Jacobo Buchquhane et Alexandro Wardlaw cum diuersis alijs . . .

Et ego vero Alexander Young clericus Sanctiandree diocesis publicus sacra Apostolica auctoritate notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

Offeris of Williame Elphinstoune of Glak and Symon Elphinstoun tyl the wyfe and bairnis kyn and freindis of vmquhil William Calder. ¹
—(A.D. 1533.)

Vigesimo die Nouembris anno [j^m. v^c.] xxxiiij. Eodem die personaliter

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

constitutus Willelmus Forbas de Corsindave accessit ad personalem presentiam Duncani Caldar moram trahentis infra parochiam de Aufurd Idem Willelmus asseruit ipsum actitatum in libris supremi domini nostri Regis pro parte Willelmi Elphinstoune de Glak et Symonis Elphinstoune penes satisfactionem et *lis Kinbvit* homocidie siue interfectionis quondam Villelmi Cauldar germani dicti Duncani suis in manibus tenens quamdam cedula papiream scriptam cuius tenor sequitur et est talis / THIR ARE the offeris that we Williame Elphinstoune of Glak and Symoun Elphinstoun are content to do til the wyf and barnis kyne and freindis of wmquhil William Caldar allegit til be slayne be ws as we that twik ws to compositione of remission tharfoir In the first we are content til pass the thre heid pilgrimages of Scotland and thar til gar do messis and suffragis for the saul Secundlie hovbeit we be sobir in gudis we are contentit til paye the soume of tenne merkis of monie efter the modificacioun and consideratioun of freindis EANDEM cedula exhibuit et perlegi fecit in presencia dicti Duncani ac omnia et singula in eadem contenta perimplere promisit nomine cautionario predictorum Willelmi et Symonis Super quibus dictus Willelmus Forbes petiit instrumentum Acta erant hec in maiore camera Palacii Episcopi Abirdonensis hora quasi tercia post meridiem presentibus Magistris Laurencio Chepman et Johanne Burnet notariis Patricio Forbes Willelmo Yung Domino Johanne Gillespij et Patricio Horum etc.

Service on Fingask etc.¹ —(A.D. 1675.)

November 26, 1675 . Special service of Janet Forbes spouse of Mr.

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the seventh day of July, 1551, Willam, bishop of Aberdeen, feued the lands and mill of Fingask to Willam Forbes, grandson of John Forbes of Pitsligo, and to Katharine Gordoun his wife, for a grassum, and for payment of the yearly rent of £13 6s. 8d., two chalders of meal and malt, two marts, four sheep, four bolls of oats, four dozen capons, six shillings and eight pence for bondage, forty shillings, one fed swine, twelve well fed capons, or two shillings for every capon, twelve hens, and two bolls of mair malt, with arerages and carriages On the sixteenth day of January, 1562-3, Willam Forbes of Pitsligo was seised in these lands, as heir to his father, on a precept granted by Willam, bishop of Aberdeen, two days previously, before these, among other witnesses, Alexander Forbes of Achanasels, Mr. Robert Lumisden of

John Strachan minister of the Gospel at Tarves and Meldrum only daughter of Margaret Forbes spouse of George Meldrum of Auchneive two of the nearest heiresses portioners of Mr. William Forbes of Fingask advocate in Edinburgh father of the said Janet Forbes and grandfather of the said Meldrum in . . . the town and lands of Fingask with the mill mill lands multures and . . . pertinents . . . lying in the barony of Daviot and sheriffdom of Aberdeen And also in . . . the town and lands of Ardmurdo with the crofts . . . called Bogholme and Densyburn with the mill of Ardmurdo called the Mill of Buckie mill lands astrict multures and sequells with the salmon fishing on the water of Don called Pott of Buckie and all the . . . pertinents . . . lying in the parish of Kinkell and sheriffdom of Aberdeen Which lands of Fingask with the . . . pertinents were holden in chief of Patrick Urquhart of Lethinte and are now held of Adam Urquhart of Meldrum as representing the said Patrick Urquhart his father . . . in free blench farm for yearly payment of one penny Scots . . . Which town and lands of Ardmurdo with the mill mill lands . . . salmon fishing and pertinents are held in chief of John Forbes of Ardmurdo his heirs and successors in free blench farm for yearly payment of one penny

THE PARISH OF INVERURY.¹

*Instrumenta super officio clericatus parochialis de Inuerovry.*²—(A.D. 1536.)

Vigesimo tercio Junii anno [j^m. v^o.] xxxvj. Eodem die personaliter

Clovath, and John Forbes of Fynnarsume. On the seventh day of March, 1600, a charter of these lands, under the great seal, was granted to John Forbes of Pitsligo and his heirs male bearing the name and arms of Forbes.—(Originals in the charter chest of Sir John Stuart Forbes of Pitsligo and Fettercairn, baronet.)]

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 582, 583.]

Pope Alexander IV., on the thirteenth day of September, 1257, ratified the provision made by the abbot and convent of Lundoris for the vicarage of this church, of an annual stipend of thirty-three merks, the whole altarage, the manse belonging to the church, and the teinds of the then cultivated land of Cknockinglas.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 25.)]

² [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

constituti prouidi viri Alexander Leslie de Kincragy Patricius Vrcan Daud Wrcane Patricius Roberti Vmfridus Henre Johannes Wrcane Ingramus Mortimar Thomas Henre Besseta Mortimar Alexander Daudsoun Maryiota Seitoun Georgius Mortymer Thomas Crag Patricius Mill Thomas Mill Daud Mill Willelmus Bennet Jacobus Leslie Johannes Mortimar Alexander Creychtoun Johannes Swaipe Willelmus Smyth Thomas Cove Willelmus Duncani Johannes Brachra Johannes Wat Johannes Wilsoun Alexander Dikke Willelmus Watt Marioria Dikke Andreas Makke Paulus Donaldi Jacobus Andree Daud Roberti Patricius Endeaucht Willelmus Henre Willelmus Wrcane Georgius Grwbe Johannes Makke Robertus Jhonsoune Johannes Wychtman Willelmus Cowe Willelmus Roberti Willelmus Barnet Willelmus Philpe Johannes Andree Jacobus Banyeaucht Robertus Fergus Andreas Ronaldi Johannes Tailyoure Walterus Tailyoure Cuthbertus Jhonston Johannes Roberti Patricius Coupar Willelmus Blakhall Johannes Jak Robertus Andersoune Antonius Makke Alexander Ronaldi Malleta Clark Malleta Vrcane Johannes Huchoun Valterus Banyeaucht Johannes Wobstar Johannes Jhonstoun Dominus Jacobus Kyd vicarius Alexander Cromme Willelmus Wobstar tales parochiani de Inuerovre suas electiones et vota dederunt Johanni Leslie ad gaudendum et possidendum officium clericatus de Inuervry cum vacauerit per decessum Johannis Blakhall vltimi clerici parochialis eiusdem aut quocunque alio [modo] vacare contigerit ac eundem Johannem Leslie tanquam ydoneum et abilem personam ad huiusmodi officium sic elegerunt et eundem Willelmo episcopo Abir-donensi presentarunt Super quibus dictus presentatus petiit instrumentum Acta infra parochiam antedictam inter horas sextam ante meridiem et primam post meridiem vel eocirca presentibus Johanne Patre Johanne Reche Waltero Tailyour Roberto Fergus et me notario publico .

Vigesimo quarto Junii anno [j^m. v^o.] xxxvj. Quo die personaliter constitutus Johannes Leslie filius Alexandri Leslie de Kincragy apud summum altare infra ecclesiam parochialem de Inuervry dicens et allegans ipsum fuisse verum et indubitatum electum et presentatum clericum parochialem de Inuervry Ideo ne ipsa ecclesia destituta permaneat sine seruicio obtulit ipsum paratum ad seruendum vicario in altari et personis in omnibus que spectant ad officium clericatus parochialis vt debite tenetur

Super quibus petiit instrumentum Acta ut supra hora x. ante meridiem presentibus Domino Jacobo Kyd vicario pensionario Valtero Banyeaucht Willelmo Duncane Johanne Tailyour et me notario cum multis aliis parochianorum .

Eodem die personaliter constitutus Willelmus Blakhall de eodem asseruit ipsum firmarium et deputatum Johannis Blakhall clerici parochialis de Inuerovry et idem obtulit ipsum paratum ad debite seruire faciendum in huiusmodi officio clericatus Et quod electiones et vota parochianorum antedictorum de Inuerovry data Johanni Leslie quo ad jus suum et Johannis Blakhall clerici parochialis eiusdem ex eo quod ad aures parochianorum non est deuulgatum nec perfecte notum eisdem neque de aliquo modo vacationis ut asserit minime preiudicaret in futurum solempniter protestatus est Super quibus dictus Willelmus Blakhall petiit instrumentum Acta ut supra .

Carta Daud de Abircrumby et sponse ejus.¹ —(A.D. 1391.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Andreas de Lesley dominus eiusdem miles salutem . . . Noueritis me cum consensu . . . Domini Normanni de Lesley militis filii mei et heredis dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Daud de Abircrumby et Mergarete sponse sue sorori mee carissime in libero maritagio . . . terras meas de Achqwhorthy de Achqwhorsk et de Blardaf cum pertinentijs suis iacentes in regalitate de Garvyach infra vicecomitatum de Abirden Tenendas . . . prefatis Daud et Mergarete ac eorum diucius viuenti heredibusque inter ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus forte deficientibus mihi et heredibus meis quibuscunque in feodo et hereditate de me et heredibus meis dominis de Lesley imperpetuum per omnes rectas metas suas . . . cum curijs curiarum exitibus et eschaetis cum bondis bondagijs natiuis et eorum sequelis cum molendinis multuris et eorum sequelis cum aucupationibus venationibus et piscarijs . . . Faciendo . . . mihi et heredibus meis dominis de Lesley sectam communem ad curias nostras tenendas infra

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Forglen.]

baroniam de Lesley pro terris supradictis tantum . . . Volo tamen quod omnes tenentes et singuli qui inhabitauerint terras meas de Lesley capiant et habeant miremia sibi necessaria ad opera sua infra dictas terras meas quociens indiguerint de boscis et siluis de Achqwhorsk absque impedimento qualicunque . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presenti carte apposui apud Lesly penultimo die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo tricentesimo nonogesimo primo Testibus venerabili in Christo patre Domino Gylberto Dei gratia Abirdonensi episcopo Dominis Jacobo Fraser domino de Frendrach Alexandro Fraser domino de Phylorth Johanne de Gordoun domino eiusdem Andrea de Lesley consanguineo meo carissimo militibus ac aliis multis .

Carta Willelmo Lesly de Balquhan. ¹ —(A.D. 1460.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quamdam cartam Alexandri Lesly de eodem factam et concessam dilecto nostro Willelmo Lesly de Balquhan militi . . . ad plenum intellexisse . OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Alexander de Lesly dominus eiusdem salutem in Domino sempiternam Noueritis me dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse dilecto consanguineo meo Domino Willelmo Lesly de Balquhan militi totas et integras terras de Bracach le Quyltis et le Myulton de Knokynblewis et le Drummis cum pertinentiis jacentes in baronia de Lesly in regalitate de Garviache infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene Que quidem terre cum pertinentiis fuerunt dicti Willelmi hereditarie et quas . . . in manus meas apud Edinburgh coram subscriptis testibus per fustem et baculum et suos procuratores ad hoc legitime constitutos et suas literas patentes . . . simpliciter resignauit . . . Tenendas . . . dicto Domino Willelmo Lesly militi pro toto tempore vite sue et post ipsius Domini Willelmi decessum Alexandro Lesly filio suo inter ipsum et quondam Agnetem de Irwyn sponsam suam legitime procreato et heredibus masculis de corpore dicti Alexandri legitime procreandis Quibus forte deficientibus Georgeo de Lesly fratri germano dicti Alexandri et heredibus masculis de corpore ipsius Georgei legitime procreandis

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. v., no. 102.]

quibus forte deficientibus veris legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Domini Willelmi quibuscunque de me et heredibus meis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde annuatim . . . seruicia de dictis terris debita et consueta . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte mee sigillum meum est appensum apud Edinburgh vicesimo septimo die mensis Marcij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo Testibus reuerendis in Xpo. patribus et dominis Dominis Georgeo episcopo Brechinensi cancellario Scocie Thoma episcopo Aberdonensi nobilibus Dominis Jacobo domino Levingston Patricio domino le Grahame Andrea domino Avandalie Andrea Lundy Magistro Alexandro Lummisden rectore de Flisk et Johanne de Cokburn cum multis aliis QUAM QUIDEM cartam . . . pro perpetuo confirmamus Saluis nobis iuribus et seruiciis de dictis terris ante presentem confirmationem nobis debitibus et consuetis In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmationis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendis in Xpo. patribus Georgeo episcopo Brechinensi cancellario nostro Thoma episcopo Aberdonensi et consanguineis nostris Jacobo domino Levingston magno camerario nostro Patricio [domino le Grahame] Andrea domino Avandalie et Magistro Johanne Arous archidiacono Glasguensi nostri se[creti sigilli] custode apud Edinburgh quarto die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo qu[adringentesimo] sexagesimo et anno regni nostri vicesimo quarto .

Resignatio suppremo domino nostro Regi.¹ —(A.D. 1490—A.D. 1500.)

Excellentissimo et inuictissimo principi Jacobo quarto Dei gratia Scottorum Regi illustrissimo vester humilis legius et subditus Georgius Leslie de eodem . . . In manus vestre Serenitatis ego . . . terras nostras de Brawkawche Myddiltone Knok de Kynblewis Drummeis Glaschawe molen-dinum de Glaschawe et siluam de Drumcoutane cum suis pertinentiis jacentes in regalitate de Gareauche infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene quas de vobis teneo in capite . . . simpliciter resigno . . . Pro qua resignatione . . . fienda . . . constituto . . . nobiles et honorabiles viros Waltherum Ogiluy de Boyne militem Magistros Willelmum Ogiluy et Alex-

¹ [Abridged from the Notary's Protocol, entitled "Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen," vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

andrum Ogiluy Andream Wode de Fethercarne . . . meos . . . procura-
tores . . . in fauorem specialem Patricii Gordon de Methlik . . . In cuius
rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum est appensum apud . . .

Carta Patricij Gordoun de Methlik super terris de Brekauch Middiltoune
etc.¹ —(A.D. 1505.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos dedisse et concessisse
hereditarie dilecto nostro Patricio Gordoun de Methlyk omnes et singulas
terras de Brekauch Myddiltoun de Knokinblewis Drummeis Glaschaw
molendinum de Glaschaw et siluam de Drumcowtane cum suis pertinen-
cijs jacentes in regalitate de Garviauche infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene
Quequidem . . . fuerunt Georgei Leslie de eodem hereditarie et quas
. . . in manibus nostris apud Striveling . . . simpliciter resignauit . . .
Et quas quidem omnes et singulas terras suprascriptas . . . nos pro
singularibus fauoribus quos gerimus dicto Patricio Gordoune easdem
creauimus . . . in vna libera baronia nuncupanda imperpetuum perpetuis
futuris temporibus baronia de Knokinblewis Tenendas . . . in feodo et
hereditate et libera baronia imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim
. . . tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia vicecomitatus nostri de Abirdene
vnacum warda releuio dictarum terrarum et baronie cum suis pertinentiis
et maritagio cum contigerit tantum In cuius rei testimonium presenti
carte magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendis
in Cristo patribus Willelmo episcopo Abirdonensi nostri secreti sigilli
custode Georgeo episcopo Candidecase nostreque capelle Regie Striue-
lingensis dilectis consanguineis nostris Alexandro comite de Huntlie do-
mino Gordoune et Badyenache Archibaldo comite de Ergile domino Cam-
pell et Lorne magistro hospicii nostri Matheo comite de Levenax domino
Dernlie Alexandro domino Hume magno camerario nostro Andrea domino
Gray justiciario nostro venerabilibus in Cristo patribus Johanne priore
ecclesie metropolitane Sanctiandree ac eiusdem sede vacante vicario
generali Jacobo abbate de Dunfermyling thesaurario nostro et dilectis
clericis nostris Magistro Gawino Dunbar archidiacono Sanctiandree nos-

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xix., no. 77, lib. xiv., no. 148.]

trorum rotulorum registri et consilii clerico et Roberto Coluile de Vchiltre nostre cancellarie directore apud Striueling penultimo die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo v^{to} quinto et regni nostro decimo octauo .

Service on Braco Glaschea etc. ¹ —(A.D. 1678.)

September 20, 1678 . Special service of John Gordon as nearest heir of his father John Gordon of Braco in . . . the town and lands of Bracko with the dominical lands manor place of Braco houses biggings etc. and . . . the pendicles . . . called Reabadds and Whytwalls as also in the lands and forest of Drumkoaten and in . . . the town and lands of Glaschea and pendicles . . . called Reidfoord with the mill of Glaschea astrict multures and sucken and knaveships of the same and of . . . the foresaid lands with the . . . common pasturage . . . and pertinents . . . lying in the barony of Knockinggleus and shire of Aberdeen with the privilege of said barony of Knockinggleus contained in the old infeftments of said lands Which town and lands of Braco . . . are held immediately in chief of the King and his successors for service of ward and relief .

Carta confirmacionis super carta Willelmi Merenys de quarta parte terrarum de Blakhall. ² —(A.D. 1491.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos tanquam tutorem et gubernatorem carissimi fratris nostri Johannis comitis de Mar et Gareauche etc. quamdam cartam vendicionis . . . ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma . OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Willelmus

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the fifteenth day of September, 1682, Charles Gordon was served heir of the above named John Gordon his brother in the same lands.—(Id.)

² [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xli., no. 354.]

In the year 1466, Alexander of Meirnis, the son and heir of the deceased Willam of Meirnis, sold to Mr. Richard of Forbes, dean of Aberdeen, son of the deceased Alexander of Forbes of that ilk, knight, an annual rent of six shillings and eight pence from roods in Inuerowry, and gave his fourth part of the town of Blakhal in security of the payment.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. i., p. 297.)

Merenyss dominus quarte partis terrarum de Blakhall eternam in Domino salutem Noueritis me . . . vendidisse . . . honorabili viro Roberto Blakhall totas et integras terras meas quarte partis de Blakhall cum suis pertinenciis jacentes in comitatu de Gareauche infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . . . Tenendas . . . a me et heredibus meis de nobili magnifico et potente domino Johanne comite de Mar et Gareauche et successoribus suis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde annuatim . . . seruicia debita et consueta . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum est appensum apud Abirdene octauo die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo primo Coram honorabilibus et famosis viris Roberto Blinsele Willelmo Cummyrn de Inueralloquhy Ricardo Vauss Willelmo Wormet Thoma Chepman de Abirdene burgensibus / et Domino Johanne Striueling presbitero ac notario publico cum multis alijs . QUAMQUIDEM cartam nos tanquam tutor et gubernator predicti carissimi fratris nostri Johannis comitis de Mar et Gareauch . . . pro perpetuo confirmamus . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmationis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Edinburghe vicesimo die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo primo et regni nostri quarto .

Carta Willelmi Blakhall de eodem super dimedietate terrarum de Fola-blakwater. ¹—(A.D. 1503.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis quia licet tote et integre terre et baronia de Kynedward cum tenentibus tenandrijs liberetenencium seruicijs dependencijs et pertinencijs earundem jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene per Dominos nostri Consilij et eorum decretum pro nobis desuper datum et promulgatum nobis pertinere et in manibus nostris tanquam in manibus heredis et successoris quondam Johannis comitis Buchanie baronis de Kynedward existere adiudicantur Nolumus tamen aliquod preiudicium seu dampnum generari seu inferri per jus nobis adiudicatum aut aliusmodi dilecto nostro Willelmo Blakhall de eodem in

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 20.]

dimedietate terrarum de Folablakwatir cum pertinentiis jacentium in dicta baronia de Kynedward infra vicecomitatum nostrum predictum per ipsum conquesta et de ipso barone tenta sed cicius quod ipse Willelmus et sui heredes cerciores in eadem dimedietate terrarum cum pertinentiis efficiantur Eapropter dedimus concessimus et confirmauimus . . . prefato Willelmo totam et integram dimedietatem terrarum de Folablakwatir cum pertinentiis que fuit ipsius Willelmi hereditarie Et quam . . . in manibus nostris apud Edinburghe personaliter . . . simpliciter resignauit . . . Necnon damus concedimus et hac presenti carta nostra confirmamus hereditarie prefato Willelmo totas et integras terras de Blakhall cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum predictum que fuerunt ipsius Willelmi hereditarie / et per ipsum de nobis tente Ac eciam officia Forestarie et Coronatoris regalitatis de Garviache que etiam fuerunt dicti Willelmi hereditarie / et per ipsum de Comitibus de Garviache et nunc de nobis tanquam Comite eiusdem tente Et quas terras et que officia cum pertinentiis ipse Willelmus . . . in manus nostras apud Edinburgh personaliter . . . simpliciter resignauit . . . Tenendas . . . cum omnibus libertatibus priuilegijs et proficijs ad eadem officia spectantibus . . . de nobis et successoribus nostris Regibus Scocie in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia vicecomitatus nostri de Abirdene necnon wardas releuia et maritagia cum contigerint In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Edinburghe decimo quinto die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tercio et regni nostri decimo sexto .

Sasina data Willelmo Blakhall de terris de Blakhall cum officiis Forestarie et Coronatoris de Garviache.¹ —(A.D. 1514.)

Vicecomes de Aberdene respondebit pro quinque libris de firmis terrarum de Blakhall et Litilfollay Blakwatter termini Sancti Martini vltimo preteriti existentium in manibus Regis sasina non recuperata Et de decem libris de releuio earundem Necnon pro debita ministracione in

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

officiis Forestarie et Coronatoris regalitatis de Garviauche Regi debitis per sasinam datam Willelmo Blakhall de eisdem xxvij^o die Marcij anno regni Regis primo .

Sasina data Willelmo Blakhall de dimedietate terrarum de Barocht in Borty etc.¹—(A.D. 1517.)

Vicecomes de Abirdene respondebit pro j^o lx. libris de firmis dimedietatis terrarum de Barocht in Borty jacentium in regalitate de Gariauche et dimedietatis terrarum de Westir Rowis Fallawe Essenheid et Furdalhous cum pertinenciis et sexte partis terrarum de Petgony et dimedietatis molendini de Borty et tercie partis terrarum de Mekle Fenersy et Litle Fenersy cum pertinenciis jacentium in comitatu de Mar et tercie partis terrarum de Manecht et superioritatis dimedietatis ville de Nedertoune cum pertinenciis jacentium infra balliam suam existentium in manibus Regis ad sex annos vltimo elapsos sasina non recuperata Et pro xxvj. libris xiiij. solidis iiij. denariis de releuio earundem Regi debitis per sasinam datam Willelmo Blakhall de eisdem apud Edinburgh xxvij^o Octobris anno regni Regis quarto .

Sasina data Willelmo Blakhall de dimedietate terrarum de Litle Folay.¹
—(A.D. 1517.)

Vicecomes de Abirdene respondebit pro viij. libris de firmis dimedietatis terrarum de Little Folay cum suis pertinentiis jacentium infra balliam suam existentium in manibus Regis per spatium quatuor annorum vltimo elapsorum sasina non recuperata Et pro xl. solidis de releuio eiusdem dimedietatis terrarum predictarum Regi debitis per sasinam datam Willelmo Blakhall de eadem apud Edinburgh xxv. Augusti anno regni Regis quarto .

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

Sasina data Roberto Blakhall de terris de Little Follay.¹ —(A.D. 1519.)

Vicecomes de Abirdene respondebit pro iij. libris de firmis terrarum de Little Follay cum pertinentiis jacentium infra balliam suam existentium in manibus Regis per spatium trium terminorum proxime sequentium vicesimum quintum diem mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo decimo septimo Ex eo quod Robertus Blakhall asserit se non obtinuisse sasina de dictis terris per aliud preceptum ex capella Regia dicto xxv^{to} die directum quamvis securitas firmarum et releuij earundem de terminis ante dictum diem preteritis intratur in Libro Responsionum in nostro Scaccario remanenti ut in eodem continetur Regi debitis per sasina datam dicto Roberto de eisdem apud Edinburgh xxij. Februarij anno regni Regis sexto .

Carta burgi de Inuerrowrie.² —(A.D. 1558.)

Maria Dei gracia Regina Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos intelligentes quod villa de Inuerowrie jacens in dominio de Gareoch infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene pro libero burgo regali habita et reputata extitit Et quod inhabitantes incoleque eiusdem ac sui predecessores in pacifica possessione dicte ville cum domibus edificiis particatis toftis croftis et piscariis eiusdem vnacum terris communibus alias *borrow landis* nuncupatis huiusmodi ville adiacentibus tanquam sua proprietas ac curiarum burgalium tenentie seu affirmationis cum communibus foris et nundinis infra dictum burgum ac cum balliuis et officiariis pro regimine eiusdem necessariis Et in ipsa burgensium liberorum creatione vsuque et priuilegio liberi burgi regalis tam infra huiusmodi villam quam extra in omnibus liberum burgum regalem concernentibus Necnon comparentie per suos commissarios in curiis Parlamenti et Itinerum Justicie nostre et predecessorum nostrorum ad seruicium inibi nobis reddendum pro huiusmodi villa tanquam pro libero burgo regio temporibus elapsis vltra hominum

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

² [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xxxii., no. 272.]

memoriam continuo fuerunt Et quia antique euidentie seu infeodationes dicti burgi . . . ob belli et pestilencie perturbaciones negligentemque custodiam amisse et perditę extiterant Nos tamen nolentes quod vlla occasione inhabitantes et incole huiusmodi ville a suis priuilegiis dicti burgi terrarum hereditatis et piscariarum predictarum excludantur imo potius pietate moti pro reipublicę et regni nostri policia ius suum et securitatem dicti burgi renouare cupientes de nouo tenore presentis carte nostre erigimus facimus creamus damus et concedimus inhabitantibus dicte ville de Inuerowrie et heredibus suis totam et integram huiusmodi villam cum suis domibus edificiis particatis toftis croftis piscariis terris communibus alias *borrow landis* nuncupatis eidem adiacentibus et suis pertinenciis in vnum integrum et liberum burgum regalem imperpetuum Cum plenaria potestate et facultate inhabitantibus dicti burgi . . . lanam pelles corea pannum laneum et lineum latum et arctum ceram vinum sal ferrum omnesque alias merces in libero burgo regio vendi et emi solitas in huiusmodi burgo de Inuerowrie emendi et vendendi Ac in eodem pistores brasiatores scissores allutarios omnesque alios operarios seu artifices mechanicos ad subditis nostris deseruiendum necessarios tenendi et habendi Concedimus etiam . . . quod in dicto burgo nostro erunt liberi burgenses qui . . . potestatem habebunt prepositum balliuos consules et alios officarios pro regimine eiusdem necessarios infra dictum burgum annuatim eligendi Cum potestate . . . vnam crucem foralem cum duabus diebus fori ebdomadatim diebus videlicet Mercurii et Sabati Ac cum liberis nundinis annuatim diebus Natiuitatis Beatissime et Gloriosissime Virginis Marie et Sancti Appolinaris et per octauos earundem in dicto burgo pro perpetuo tenendi et habendi cum omnibus customis tollis deuoriis et libertatibus ad liberas nundinas pertinentibus . . . Cum potestate et licentia dictis preposito balliuis et consulibus dicti burgi et suis successoribus dictas suas particatas domus edificia toftas croftas piscarias terras burgales eidem adiacentes cum suis pertinenciis cuicunque persone vel quibuscunque personis prout eis expedire videbitur ad suam voluntatem et commodum dicti burgi pro edificatione et reparacione desuper fiendis in feodifirma seu assedationibus longis et breuib; assedandi et locandi Tenendam . . . omnem et singulam dictam villam de Inuerowrie . . . dictis inhabitantibus . . . et suis heredibus de nobis et heredibus nostris in libero burgo regali imperpetuum . . . Reddendo

inde annuatim dicti prepositus balliui consules et inhabitatores dicti nostri burgi de Inuerrowrie pro suis particatis burgalibus eiusdem nobis et successoribus nostris computorum rotulatoribus camerariis et factoribus nostro nomine in nostris scaccariis summam sex marcarum vsualis monete regni nostri nomine firme burgalis seu costarum Et pro dictis custumis et diuoriis annuatim summam tresdecim solidorum et quatuor denariorum monete predictae tantum In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Edinburgh vicesimo secundo die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo octauo et regni nostri decimo sexto .

THE PARISH OF KEMNAY.¹

Presentatio Magistri Johannis Gareache vicarie pensionarie de Kemnay.² —(A.D. 1502—A.D. 1504.)

Reuerendo in Christo patri . . . Willelmo . . . Aberdonensi episcopo vester humilis Magister Adam Gordone canonicus Abirdonensis ac rector de Kynkell . . . ad vicariam pensionariam perpetuam decim librarum . . . monete Scotie ecclesie mee parochialis de Kemnay annuatim de fructibus dicte ecclesie leuandarum discretum virum Magistrum Johannem Gareache capellanum vestre reuerende paternitati . . . presento . . .

Johannes Gareacht constituit Alexandrum Gareacht germanum suum clericum deputatum de Kemnay.³ —(A.D. 1540.)

Decimo quarto Februarii anno Domini etc. xxxix^o. Quo die personaliter constituti Johannes de Gareacht ex vna et Alexander Gareacht eius

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, p. 584.]

² [Abridged from the Notary's Protocol, entitled "Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen," vol. II., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

³ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

germanus . . . Et dictus Johannes Gareaucht assedauit eidem Alexandro seruicium officii clericatus de Kemnay et constituit eundem suum clericum deputatum pro integro spatio anni proximo et immediate futuri sequentis . . . Super quibus petierunt instrumenta Acta apud Kemnay hora quasi quarta post meridiem presentibus Archebauldo Dowglass de Glenbarvy Domino Jacobo Reid Roberto Ingliss Willelmo Foular et Thoma Crome .

Instrumentum super bonis repertis per Archibauldum Douglas de Glenbervy in manerio suo de Kemna. ¹ —(A.D. 1534.)

Duodecimo Junii anno Domini millesimo etc. xxxiiij^{to}. Eodem die . . . personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Archibauldus Dowglass de Glenbervy accessit ad manerium suum de Kemna . . . vnacum subscriptis testibus animo et intentione conficiendi inuentarium de omnibus et singulis bonis in prefato manerio / Ibique reperta fuerunt per prefatum Archibaldum et me notarium et testes subscriptos ad requisitionem ipsius Archibauldi fideliter descripta et annotata videlicet talia Et in primis reperit in aula vnam mensam in modum tabule ac in vna camera duos lectos et vnam aliam paruam mensam anteriorem cuiusdam lecti cum vno antiquo ostio jacente in prefata camera et in butlario vnum lie gantreis et nulla alia bona ibidem inuenit in prefato manerio in domibus exceptis ostiis anterioribus sine tamen ceris et clauibus ut prima facie apparuit Super quibus . . . prefatus Archibauldus . . . petiit instrumentum Acta erant hec infra prefatum manerium . . . presentibus ibidem honorabilibus viris Domino de Arbuthnot Jacobo Leslie in Rasevat Patricio Forbes in Miltoune Johanne Bissait Johanne Gareaucht hora quasi decima ante meridiem vel circiter etc.

Service on the barony of Kemnay. ² —(A.D. 1675.)

January 6, 1675 . Special service of Alexander Strachan as nearest heir

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

² [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

of his father Alexander Strachan of Glenkindie in . . . the lands and barony of Kemnay comprehending . . . the dominical lands of Kemnay commonly called Oldmaynes Litle Maynes and Milnetown of Kemnay with manor place tower fort etc. along with that part commonly called the Insh of Milnetown of Kemnay and that piece of land commonly called the Haugh of Sluggarty lying on the north part of the water of Don . . . and the forsaid Insh of Milnetown lying along the lands of Fetterneir by the old watergang also as divided from the lands of Coullie . . . and also the Haugh of Sluggartie round the bounds and divided from the lands of Craigearne and also in . . . the lands of Elisonweill with their pertinents and also in . . . the Mill of Kemnay with the mill lands multures etc. and . . . the lands of Over and Neither Aquorthies Rachirald Bogfurr Glenhead Parkhill Leshangie with the crofts thereof croft of Paradis croft of the dominical lands and Cobleseat with all . . . pertinents of said lands and barony . . . and also . . . the salmon fishing on the water of Don on either side thereof along with the cruives on said water already built adjacent to and belonging to said lands and barony of Kemnay and the ferry boat with all the other . . . pendicles of said lands and barony . . . lying in the parish of Kemnay and shire of Aberdeen united . . . into one free barony to be called the barony of Kemnay and also in . . . the towns and lands of Craigearn . . . with the salmon fishings on the water of Don belonging to said lands and . . . pendicles . . . along with the multures . . . and with the parts . . . of said lands on both sides of the stream of Don . . . lying in the barony of Cluny . . . and parishes of Cluny and Kemnay . . . and also . . . the towns and lands of Overtowne with . . . the . . . pertinents . . . with liberty of pasturage in Fowllis . . . lying within the barony of Towie parish of Kinbethock and shire of Aberdeen Which lands and barony of Kemnay are held of the King and his successors in feu and heritage for yearly payment of twenty pounds Scots money as ward tax . . . and also twenty merks for the marriage of an heir . . . along with suit in the head court of the shire of Aberdeen held yearly at the Feast of St. Michael or in any other of the chief courts of that shire . . . Which lands of Craigearne . . . with the salmon fishing . . . are held in chief of the King in fee and heritage for yearly payment of forty shillings Scots . . . Which lands of Overtown with the liberty of pasturage . . . are

held in chief of William Forbes of Leslie John Udney of Udney and John Forbes of Byth or either of them . . . in free blench farm for yearly payment of one penny Scots . . .

THE PARISH OF MONYMUSSK.¹

Lettre for Master Gawane of Douglas.²—(A.D. 1496-7.

A lettre direct to schireffis in that pairt to charge thaim to command in the Kingis naim the Lord Forbess Duncan Forbess and Duncanis wife to haf na intromitting with the teyndis of Monymussk pertenying to Master Gawane of Douglas and to charge the parochinaris to obey to the said Master Gawane in the paying to him and his factouris of the samyn tendis according to the Priouris lettres / and to summond the said personis to the xij. day of October next to cum etc.

Ex deliberatione Dominorum Consilij .

Thomas Rounaldi fatetur se recepisse pecuniam et bona prius data Magistro Thoma Scherar vicario de Monimvsk.³—(A.D. 1524.)

Decimo tertio Decembris anno [j^m. v^c.] xxiiij. Eodem die Indictione xiiij^a personaliter constitutus Thomas Rounaldi filius quondam Villelmi Rounaldi in Crag fatebatur ipsum pre manibus recepisse a discreto viro Magistro Thoma Scherar vicario seu curato de Monimvsk summam sex librarum nouemdecim solidorum in pecunia numerata et vnam zonam argenteam cum armatura eiusdem videlicet hernasing vnam lie collar de abisso videlicet velvet vnam crucem argenteam cum quibusdam gemmis duas paruas manicas de abisso in quadam capsula prius data per eundem

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 584-586.]

² [From the Registrum Secreti Sigilli, vol. 1., fol. 18.]

³ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh:]

Thomam in custodia / Ipse Thomas eundem Magistrum Thomam de antedicta summa et bonis suprascriptis exoneravit et quietum clamavit imperpetuum Super quibus ipse Magister Thomas petiit instrumentum Acta infra ecclesiam parrochiam de Monimvsk hora nona ante meridiem presentibus ibidem Alexandro Mawaur Johanne Toucht Thoma Brovne et Alexandro Cornabo .

Instrumenta super inductione Dompni David Farlie in Prioratu de Monimvsk / reseruatis fructibus Dompno Johanni Akynheid nuper Priori eiusdem.¹ —(A.D. 1522.)

Decimo quinto Decembris anno [m^o quingentesimo] xxij^o Eodem die Indictione xj^a pontificatus Adriani pape sexti anno primo personaliter constitutus venerabilis religiosusque pater Dompnus David Farlie prior loci et conuentus de Monimvsk Abirdonensis diocesis ordinis Sancti Augustini habens et tenens in manibus suis quendam processum reuerendi in Xpo patris ac domini Domini Johannis Baptiste Dei et Apostolice Sedis gracia episcopi Casertensis . . . de data Rome tercio Octobris anno Domini / m^o / quingentesimo xxij^o bullas sanctissimi in Xpo patris ac domini Domini Adriani diuina prouidencia pape sexti pontificatus sui anno primo in se continentem de et super prouisione dicti Prioratus de Monimvsk eidem Dompno David Farlie gracie concessas Quemquidem processum tradidit perlegendum publicandum et intimandum debiteque executioni demandandum venerabili viro Magistro Roberto Elphinstoun thesaurario Abirdonensi eundem . . . humiliter requiringdo quatinus sibi realem actuaalem et corporalem possessionem dicti Prioratus virtute dictarum literarum Appostolicarum et processus desuper fulminati et sub penis in eisdem contentis realiter et cum effectu traderet et deliberaret Quiquidem Thesaurarius tanquam obedientie filius volensque in omnibus Apostolicis obedire mandatis supradictum processum et bullas in eisdem contentas reuerenter ad manus recepit eisdemque viua voce et publice perlectis accessit successiue ad locum capitularem dicti Prioratus et Monasterii eiusdem canonicis eiusdem ad tactum campane ut moris est

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

congregatis Nec non ad chorum ecclesie eiusdem Et ibidem prefato Dompno Dauid priori principaliter in eisdem literis Apostolicis et processu nominato locum in capitulo et stallum in choro solitos et consuetos assignauit ac eundem in dicto Prioratu cum omnibus iuribus et pertinentiis suis . . . in realem actuaalem et corporalem possessionem induxit et inuestiuit Monendo omnes et singulos huiusmodi loci et Prioratus canonicos aliosque interesse habentes quatinus sibi et nulli alteri prompte et expedite in huiusmodi Prioratu obedirent et parerent Quiquidem canonici successiue prefato Domino Priori iuramentum obedientie iunctis manibus vt mos est prestiterunt Ac eundem in suum Priorem cum omni reuerencia et honore receperunt . . . Super quibus dictus Prior petiit instrumentum Acta apud dictum Monasterium hora x. ante meridiem Presentibus Magistro Duncano Oudny Dompno Johanne Hay Dompno Johanne Jaffra Thoma Oudny et Thoma Autan cum diuersis aliis .

Eodem die Indictione et Pontificatu quibus supra personaliter constitutus venerabilis et religiosus pater Dompnus Johannes nuper Prior monasterii de Monimvsk et conuentus eiusdem ordinis Sancti Augustini Abirdonensis diocesis habens et tenens in manibus suis quendam processum literarum Apostolicarum reuerendissimi in Christo patris et domini Domini Johannis Baptiste Dei et Apostolice Sedis gracia Casertensis episcopi Cardinalis iudicis et executoris a dicta Sede Apostolica specialiter deputati vnacum suis in hac parte collegis . . . bullas prelibati Sanctissimi in Christo patris ac domini Domini Adriani diuina prouidentia pape sexti in se continentem de et super reseruacione omnium et singulorum fructuum supra dicti Prioratus eidem Dompno Johanni quamdiu aduixerit sua propria autoritate percipiendorum apprehendendorum et levandorum Necnon regressu ad eundem Prioratum dicto Domino Dauid decedente vel cedente aut aliter quouismodo huiusmodi Prioratum dimittente ut in eisdem literis Apostolicis et processu desuper fulminato laciis et ad longum contineri dicitur de data tercio die mensis Octobris anno Domini quo supra . . . Quemquidem processum michi notario publico subscripto tradidit perlegendum publicandum intimandum . . . Quem cum omni reuerencia qua decuit ad manus recepi et eundem a principio vsque ad finem alta et intelligibili voce perlegi et publicaui . . . Super quibus dictus Dompnus Johannes a me notario petiit instrumentum Acta infra dictum Monasterium hora decima ante meridiem presentibus testibus quibus supra .

Eodem die personaliter constitutus Dompnus Daud Prior monasterii de Monimvsk asseruit se rationabilibus ex causis animum suum mouentibus circa regimen et curam loci antedicti et canonicorum minime posse manere causantibus premissis fecit constituit et solempniter ordinauit et substituit religiosum patrem Dompnum Johannem Akynheid vsufructuarium dicti loci et monasterii cui auctoritate Apostolica omnes et singuli fructus eiusdem reseruantur Commisit eidem suam omnimodam potestatem et jurisdictionem loci predicti et canonicorum eiusdem in absentia ipsius Dompni Daud saluo tamen preiudicio sue prouisionis Prioratus et bullarum suarum sibi a Romana curia concessarum Super quibus idem Dompnus Daud prior antedictus petiit instrumentum Acta infra dictum monasterium hora xj. ante meridiem presentibus ibidem Magistro Duncano Oudny Thoma Autane Thoma Oudny et canonicis suprascriptis .

Instrumentum super inhibitione posita per Decanum de Strathdone super annua pensione Dompni Johannis Hay canonici regularis de Monimvsk.¹ —(A.D. 1524.)

Octauo Aprilis anno [m^o. v^o.] xxiiij. Quo die . . . personaliter constitutus Dompnus Johannes Hays canonicus regularis monasterii de Monimvsk asseruit quandam inhibitionem cum monitione positam per Magistrum Thomam Scherar decanum Christianitatis de Straythdon super sua annua pensione de Eicht in manibus Johannis prioris monasterii antedicti seques-trata pro excessibus per eandem incursis anno instanti et negat eandem fore veram Et quod sibi minime preiudicaret in futurum et pro remedio juris protestatus est Super quibus petiit instrumentum Acta in villa de Monimvsk hora quarta post meridem presentibus Patricio Huyd et Elena Tullacht .

Dominus de Forbes Vsufructuarium seu Priorem et monasterium de Monimvsk in suis causis et actionibus manutenere et defendere promittit.¹ —(A.D. 1524.)

Decimo Decembris [m^o. v^o.] xxiiij. Eodem die personaliter constitutus

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

Thomas Daudsone de Auchinhamperis procuratorio nomine venerabilis religiosi patris Dompni Johannis Akenheid vsufructuarii de Monimvsk accessit ad personalem presentiam prepotentis domini Domini de Forbes Ac ipse procuratorio nomine quo supra asseruit ipsum Dominum habere aliqua proficua ex dicto Vsufructuario et Monasterio antedicto ratione cuius tenetur defendere et manutenere eundem Vsufructuarium et Monasterium antedictum Quiquidem Dominus antedictus inquisitionibus prefatis acquiescens omnia singula prefata esse vera et rationi consonantia fatebatur Ac eundem Vsufructuarium seu Priorem et Monasterium antedictum in omnibus justis suis causis et actionibus manutenere et defendere quantum de jure poterit fideliter promisit Super quibus idem Thomas procuratorio nomine quo supra petiit instrumentum Acta apud ecclesiam de Toucht hora tertia post meridiem presentibus ibidem Willelmo Forbes de Corsindave Alexandro Gordoun de Straithdoun Johanne Baxtar Johanne Makky et Georgio Mawar .

Instrumentum super cassatione noui sigilli monasterii de Monimvsk.¹ —
(A.D. 1525.)

Decimo tertio Octobris anno Domini / m^o / [v^o] xxv^{to}. Eodem die personaliter constitutus venerabilis pater Dompnus Johannes Akinheid vsufructuarius monasterii de Monimvsk asseruit venerabilem religiosumque patrem Dompnum David Farlie priorem prefati monasterii fecisse quoddam sigillum commune antedicti monasterii de nouo cum consensu Dompni Johannis Hay canonici regularis eiusdem absque tamen consensu et auisamento Vsufructuarii prefati ac prefatum sigillum quantum in ipso est cassauit annullauit Et quod sibi Vsufructuario antedicto et monasterio supradicto dictum sigillum minime preiudicaret in futurum protestatus est Super quibus omnibus et singulis Vsufructuarius prefatus a me notario publico petiit instrumentum Acta erant hec in cemeterio dicti monasterii hora quasi decima ante meridiem vel eocirca Presentibus ibidem venerabili et honestis viris Domino Johanne Carleil vicario de Glenbuchat Petro Carleil germano eiusdem et Willelmo Russail cum diuersis aliis etc.

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

Instrumentum super solutione summe duodecim librarum taxate in Vsufructuario de Monimvsk.¹ — (A.D. 1527.)

Tertio Nouembris anno [m^o v^o] xxvij^o. Eodem die personaliter constitutus Robertus Hart alias Magister Buyt vnus cursorum supremi domini nostri Regis Jacobi Quinti quasdam literas dicti supremi domini nostri Regis summam xij. librarum in se continentes taxatam per Dominos Consilii venerabili in Xpo patri Johanni vsufructuario de Monimvsk exhibuit et presentauit Post quarum quidem literarum presentationem idem Vsufructuarius obtulit dicto Cursori nomine dicti domini nostri Regis in partem solucionis huiusmodi summe octo libras vsualis monete regni Scotie ut residuum dicte summe facilius persoluere potuisset quam summam octo librarum idem Cursor refutauit Super quibus dictus Vsufructuarius petiit instrumentum Acta erant hec infra dictum monasterium hora nona ante meridiem vel eocirca presentibus Willelmo Forbes de Corsindave Magistro Andrea Leslie Willelmo Russail Willelmo Straquhyn et Johanne Cuyk cum diuersis aliis .

Instrumentum super obedientia canonicorum de Monimvsk suo Priori requisita.¹ — (A.D. 1533.)

Octauo Decembris anno [m^o v^o] xxxiij. Eodem die luculenter constabat venerabilis religiosus pater Dompnus Daud Farlie prior loci et conuentus monasterii de Monimvsk Aberdonensis diocesis ordinis Sancti Augustini infra capitulum monasterii antedicti post campanarum pulsationem vt moris est suis in manibus tenens quendam processum reuerendi in Xpo patris ac domini Domini Johannis Baptiste Dei et Apostolice sedis gracia Casertensis episcopi . . . de data Rome tertio Octobris anno Domini etc. xxij. bullas quondam Sanctissimi in Xpo patris ac domini Domini Adriani diuina prouidencia pape sexti pontificatus sui anno primo in se continentem de et super prouisione dicti Prioratus de Monimvsk eidem Dompno Daud gracie concessas Quemquidem processum michi notario tradidit perlegendum . . . Ego vero notarius . . . accessi ad locum capi-

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

tularem dicti prioratus et canonicis eiusdem ad tactum campane vt moris est congregatis alta et viua voce perlegi et ad eorum noticiam deduxi quemquidem processum Post cuiusquidem processus lecturam dictus Dompnus Daud prior antedictus Dompnos Vilelmum Vilsone Andream Masoune Patricium Andersoune Jacobum Child et Allanum Galt canonicos dicti monasterii humiliter et debita cum instantia requisiiuit quatenus sibi Priori antedicto obedientiam facerent et quilibet eorum faceret secundum vsum religionis tanquam suo Priori . . . Quiquidem canonici omnes vnanimi consensu responderunt et quilibet eorum respondebat et dicebat seipsos et ipsorum quemlibet cum dicto Priore ausare et postea sibi responsum aptum et debitum de dicta obedientia dare et eidem facere quod de jure facere tenentur et quilibet eorum facere tenetur Super quibus dictus Prior petiit instrumentum Acta infra capitulum dicti monasterii hora quasi antemeridiana nona presentibus ibidem Domino Andrea Skeoucht notario et Domino Johanne Red cum diuersis aliis .

Cassatioun of the chartaris and takkis maid til Duncane Daudsone and Thome Daudsone his sone.¹ —(A.D. 1534.)

Decimo tertio Aprilis anno [m^o v^o] xxxiiij. Eodem die . . . personaliter constitutus venerabilis religiosus pater Dompnus Daud Farlie prior monasterii de Monimvsk judicialiter in loco consistoriali Abirdonensi suis in manibus tenens quandam cedulam papiriam scriptam eandem Commissario generali Abirdonensi pro tribunali sedenti presentauit Cuius tenor sequitur et est talis We Dene Daud Farlie priour of the monastre and abbacy of Monimusk of the ordour of Sanct Augustyne within the diocesy of Abirdene with consent and assent of ane reuerend faider Dene Jhonne Akinheid vsufructuare of the samen and conuent of the forsaied place reuokis cassaitis annullis and makkis off nane effect nor force chartaris preceptis of sesing instrumentis lang assedationis and all vthir documentis quhat sumeuier maid selit or subscriiuit be Dene Alexander Spens Dene Richart Straquhyne vmquhyll priouris of the forsaied place and all vtheris priouris both befoir and sene siyne and subscriptionis of

[From the General Register House, Edinburgh]

channonis maid til Duncane Daudsone alias Thomsone and to Thome Daudsone his sone or til ony vthir persone . . . of the landis off Estir Loquhel and Wester Foulis with the myll and thair pertinentis except ane contract in forme of obligatioun maid be ane reuerend father Dene Jhonne Akenheid forsaid to Thom Daudsone vmquhil of Auchinhamperis of the landis forsaid . . . of the dait the aucht day of Julii in the yeir of God j^m. fyf hundreth and tuenty twa yeiris . . . Super quibus idem Dominus Prior petiit instrumentum Acta in loco consistoriali Abir-donensi hora xj. ante meridiem presentibus ibidem Magistro Johanne Galloway commissario pro tempore Daud Makkessone Thoma Annan Willelmo Elphingstoun Johanne Hovesoun et Alexandro Vricht notariis cum diuersis aliis .

Instrumenta super Dompno Alano Galt canonico de Monimvsk. ¹ —(A.D. 1535.)

Sexto Februarii anno [m^o. v^o.] xxxiiij^o. Eodem die . . . personaliter constitutus religiosus pater Dompnus Allanus Galt canonicus regularis monasterii de Monimvsk quandam cedulam papiream michi notario publico tradidit perlegendum . . . Cuius tenor sequitur et est talis . . . Ego Dompnus Allanus Gault canonicus antedictus animo et intentione appellandi et prouocandi causam et negotium infrascriptum deuoluendi vobis notario tanquam publice et autentice persone dico et propono graui cum querela senciens et attendens me temporibus transactis grauiter iniuriatum et lesum per vos Dompum Daud Farlie priorem monasterii antedicti et quod idem Prior contra jura et regulam nostre religionis criminibus non cognitis si que forsan fuerint maliciose egit contra me prout nunc agit quod probare intendo Ac eciam offero me stare mandatis capituli in quibuscunque criminibus allegatis contra me secundum regulam nostre religionis vbi dicitur *Si autem negauerit etc.* Et si conuictus fuero offero me correctioni ut decet quod si forte contingat dictum Dompnum Daud criminibus per capitulum minime cognitis contra me crudeliter procedere a quibuscunque grauaminibus et iniuriis michi sic ut premittitur illatis et

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

a quolibet ipsorum Necnon a quolibet futuro grauamine ad meam dispensacionem a Sede Apostolica michi concessam appello et prouoco sub tenore eiusdem petita licentia quamvis non obtenta ut patet per eandem quam licentiam ab eodem Dompno Dauid genibus flexis peto et postulo ut eandem dispensacionem dicto Dompno Dauid producere potero si opus fuerit / Ideo quicquid actum fuerit per eundem contra me michi et dispensacioni minime preiudicaret in futurum sed quod dicta dispensatio salua maneant et illesa / Ideo vos dictum notarium et astantes inuoco omnes in testes Super quibus petiit instrumentum Acta infra nauem ecclesie dicti monasterii hora nona ante meridiem vel circiter presentibus Dominis Johanne Reid vicario de Monimvsk Andrea Skeocht notario Willelmo Hurre de Petfeche Johanne Makke et Johanne Baxter cum diuersis aliis .

Eodem die personaliter constitutus Dompnus Allanus Galt canonicus antedictus coram venerabili patre Dompno Dauid Fairlie priore de Monimvsk suos confratres omnes eiusdem monasterii canonicos conuocauit eosque lamentabiliter deprecabatur humiliterque requisivit quatenus omnibus fauore et odio abiectis et remotis intuitu caritatis et amore Dei de vera conscientia prout ipsi in die iudicii Deo respondere voluerint coram dicto Priore et omnibus circumstantibus confiterentur et edicerent si eum in aliquo crimine aut delicto contra Deum et religionem reum agnoscerent Quiquidem omnes vna voce velut ab omni crimine notorio immunem esse sed bonum religiosum bonis moribus imbutum virtutibus et diuino cultu deditum purgarunt et affirmarunt Super quibus petiit instrumentum Acta ut supra coram testibus ut in alio instrumento etc.

Eodem die personaliter constitutus venerabilis religiosusque pater Dompnus Dauid Fairlie prior monasterii de Monimvsk auditis visis que publicationibus et appellationibus Dompni Allani Galt canonici regularis prefati monasterii ab eodem ad summum Pontificem penes correctionem ipsius Dompni Allani quorundam defectuum vt asseritur per eundem commissorum . . . Quiquidem Prior antedictus asseruit ipsum Dompnum Allandum multociens per ipsum monitum et premunitum ad perimplendum quasdam penitencias sibi iniunctas . . . Ipse tamen Dompnus Allanus penitencias huiusmodi minime perimplere volebat sed pertinaciter et manifeste con-

tempsit in magnum dampnum et scandalum religionis ob quam causam ne crimina remanerent impunita volensque ut asseruit secundum ordinem juris contra eundem procedere quandam cedulam papiream formam precepti in se continentem sua subscriptione manuali subscriptam ut apparuit Dompno Willelmo Vilsone canonico prefati monasterii tradidit executioni mandandam cuius tenor sequitur / We Dene Dauid Farlie priour of Monimvsk be the tenour of this present wryt chargis and commandis vnder the forme of precept in the vertu of the Haly Spirit and of obedience you Dene Wilyem Wilsone suppriour of the forsaid abbaye that ye pass to Dene Allane Galt channon of the saymen and command hyme to keip his chalmer in the dormitour and pass nocht furtht of it bot *ad necessaria* and that he be in continuale scilence with all maner of man except hyme that mackis hyme ministratioun and that he be all this tyme in breid and aill and twa dais in the ovik *videlicet* Uednisda and Friday at his disciplyne and that na bonnet cum one his heid the tyme of his pennence except his nycht bonnet vnto the tyme that he be fundyne penitent and throch his patience humilite and satisfaction and recompensatione done to God and religioun and to ws his laudable conuersatioun guid exampil he serue be our jugment to be deliuerit or relaxit of the said pennence This we command you to do *virtute obedientie* as ye will ansuer to God / religioun and ws heirapoune and youre executione in thir premissis be you deuly execut and indorsit present the samen agane to ws / be this oure precept gevyne and writyne with oure hand at Monimvsk the fyft day of Februar the yere of God xv^o and xxxiiij. yeris Et sic subscribitur Dene Dauid Farlie prioure of Monimvsk Super quibus petiit instrumentum Acta ut supra presentibus Dominis Johanne Reid Andrea Skeocht capellanis Willelmo Hurre et Johanne Macky cum diuersis aliis .

Eodem die personaliter constitutus Dompnus Dauid prior antedictus auditis per eundem purgacionibus et deposicionibus prefatis canonicorum regularium de Monimvsk dicendo et allegando dictum Allandum Galt esse bonum religiosum bonis moribus imbutum et diuino cultui deditum . . . dicebat et allegabat eorundem depositiones ex persuasionibus ipsius Dompni Allani deuenisse ex eo quod ex eorum propriis motibus purgarunt eundem et non fuerunt compulsi neque a hoc vocati per ipsum Priorem / quapropter fides in predictis ipsis non est adhibenda sed quod

tanquam partiales et participes criminis ipsius Dompni Allani habeantur Super quibus prefatus Prior petiit instrumentum Acta in naue dicte ecclesie de Monimvsk hora nona ante meridiem presentibus Dominis Johanne Reid et Andrea Skeocht capellanis Willelmo Hurre de Petfeche et Johanne Macky cum diuersis aliis .

Eodem die personaliter constitutus prefatus Dompnus Daud prior antedicti monasterii de Monimvsk post executionem factam per Dompnum Willelmum Wilsone per literas seu preceptum prefati Dompni Prioris monendo Dompnum Allanum Gault ad permanendum in camera sua infra dormitorium dicti monasterii et quod haberet silentium cum omnibus hominibus excepto seruitore sibi ministrante et quod non haberet birrum supra caput ipsius nisi birrum nocturnum / Et quod idem Dompnus Allanus post monitionem sibi factam per prefatum Dompnum Willelmum Wilsone executorem earundem literarum quod idem Dompnus Allanus tanquam inobediencie filius intrauit templum et quod interfuit diuinis cum suis confratribus et similiter in prandeo hora nona in esculentis et poculentis Et quod noluit obedire mandatis eius de remedio juris protestatus est Super quibus omnibus idem Prior petiit instrumentum Acta infra aulam dicti monasterii hora secunda post meridiem presentibus Dominis Johanne Reid vicario de Monimvsk et Andrea Skeocht notario et capellanis et Johanne Makky cum diuersis aliis .

Appellatio Canonikorum de Monimvsk.¹ —(A.D. 1535.)

Vigesimo secundo Junii anno Domini etc. xxxv. Quo die . . . personaliter constituti religiosi viri Dompni Willelmus Wilsone Andreas Masoune Patricius Andersone et Jacobus Murray canonici regulares monasterii de Monimvsk ordinis Sancti Augustini Abirdonensis diocesis vnanimi consensu et assensu quandam cedulam papiream michi notario publico subscripto tradiderunt perlegendam . . . Cuius tenor sequitur et est talis . . . Nos Dompni Willelmus Wilsone Andreas Masone Patricius Andersone et Jacobus Murra canonici regulares et conuentus pro tem-

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

pore monasterii de Monimvsk Abirdonensis diocesis sentiendo nos lesos grauatos et oppressos timendoque nos in futurum plus ledi grauari et opprimi posse per vos venerabilem in Xpo patrem Dompnum David Farlie priorem dicti monasterii / TUM PRIMO quia vos Domine Prior more vestro procedendo vestras literas monitoriales simplices absque omni cause cognitione contra nos decreuistis et fulminastis monendo nos xiiij^o Junii anni instantis ad cessandum a diuinis et a diuino seruicio celebrando ad quod tenemur et vnde victum et vestitum ceteraque necessaria querimus et obtinemus Cum igitur obtulimus nos tanquam filios obedientie vestre satisfacere voluntati et mandatis et ab huiusmodi diuinorum celebratione cessare siue iuste siue iniuste saluis tamen conscientiiis nostris si huiusmodi necessaria nobis ministrare volueritis siue per quemcunque alium prout tenemini ministrare iniuste contra nos proceditis ex eo quod nullum aliud artificium siue modum habemus vnde dicta necessaria querere valemus TUM SECUNDO quia anno elapso tertio die Nouembris ante meridiem cessauimus a diuinis vestra paternitate annuente fauente et consentiente vnde dampnum non modicum non minus in pecuniis et expensis quam etiam in fama contigerat necnon in odium et indignationem reuerendi in Xpo patris Willelmi Abirdonensis episcopi nostri ordinarii et venerabilis patris Dompni Johannis Akinheid antedicti monasterii vsufructuarii ac multorum aliorum incidimus et incurrimus TUM TERCIO quia in maxima infamia nostri ac monasterii antedicti iniuste in vestris literis irregularitatem nos incurrisse allegatis pro participatione et interesse vt asseritis cum Dompno Allano Gault tanquam excommunicato et per vestros processus aggrauato et reaggrauato Cum igitur huiusmodi processus in alma sinodo Abirdonensi fuerit presentata et ibidem minime declarata et post huiusmodi processus presentacionem idem Dompnus Allanus in ecclesia cathedrali Abirdonensi in diuinis presens fuerit vna cum vestra paternitate nec inde seclusus aut expulsus ut excommunicatus decuit et decet TUM QUARTO quia cum nullum interesse cum dicto Dompno Allano habemus aut in aliquibus illi . . . fauemus siue consilium damus iniuste nos reprehenditis etc. vnde quieto et caritativo animo seruire Deo minime poterimus aut valemus veluti Deo dicati et religioni professi sed secularibus et turbulentis negociis nos adherere compellitis in scandalum non modicum totius religionis et precipue nostri monasterii antedicti causantibus et aliis rationibus coram iudice ad

quem per nos loco et tempore proponendis Protestando quod non fuit nostre intentionis verbo facto aut opere appellare a vestra paternitate propter fauorem habitum erga dictum Allanum Gault aut propter fauorem vel odium aliorum quorumcunque sed tantummodo ne nostrum monasterium in bonis jacturam aliquam patiatur siue dampnum Ob igitur premissa grauamina nobis nostroque monasterio illata et alia forsangrauiora in posterum per vos inferenda . . . a vestra venerabili paternitate et omni vestra potestate jurisdictione et priuilegio et facultate tam ordinaria quam extraordinaria si forsangrauiora in posterum per vos inferenda . . . ac monitionibus citationibus et preceptis vestris vestrorumque procuratorum factorum executorum aut aliorum per vestram paternitatem deputatorum seu deputandorum suspensionis excommunicacionis aggrauacionis et reaggrauacionis aut interdicti censuris et penis latis seu ferendis fulminatis seu fulminandis a[d] reuerendum in Xpo patrem Vilelmum Abirdonensem episcopum ac sanctissimum dominum nostrum Papam Paulum tertium et eius sacrosanctam Sedem Apostolicam alternatiue in hiis scriptis prouocamus appellamus ac vnusquisque nostrum singillatim et successiue prouocat et appellat ac Apostolos petimus et vnusquisque nostrum Apostolos per se petit instanter instancius et instantissime . . . Subiiciendoque nos dictum monasterium et conuentum eiusdem omnia bona nostra etc. nostras ecclesias parrochianos seruitores et familiares clericos et laicos omnesque et singulos nobis in hac parte adherentes seu adherere volentes tuitiōi protectioni et defensionis prelibati sanctissimi domini nostri Pape et sacrosancte Sedis Apostolice auctoritati . . . Super quibus prefati canonici petierunt . . . instrumentum . . . Acta infra aulam seu refectorium dicti monasterii hora prima post meridiem presentibus Magistro Dauid Scot vicario perpetuo de Colsalmont Dominis Johanne Reid vicario de Monimusk Andrea Skeocht notario et capellano Thoma Patersone Andrea Watsons ca[r]pentario et Dauid Rauf laicis cum diuersis aliis .

Instrumentum pro Dompno Jacobo Murray canonico de Monimusk.¹ —
(A.D. 1536.)

Decimonono [Aprilis] anno Domini [j^m. v^o.] xxxvj^o. Eodem die per-

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

sonaliter constitutus religiosus pater Jacobus Murray canonicus monasterii de Monimvsk coram reuerendo patre Dompno Daud Fairlie priore de Monimvsk / dicens et allegans quod ad aures eius deuulgatum est quod dictus Prior petiit instrumentum in manibus Domini Andree Skeocht notarii quod ipse debuisset petere licentiam a dicto Priore et absolutionem ad recipiendum ordines et quod ipse petiit absolutionem ab eodem allegando ipsum incurrisse excommunicationem participando cum Dompno Allano Galt cum idem Dompnus Jacobus allegauit ipsum sub appellatione a censuris prefati Prioris / lamentabiliter deprecabatur dictum notarium vt coram dicto Priori confiteretur si talia fuissent vera / quiquidem notarius auditis per eundem interrogationibus dicebat et allegabat ipsum nunquam talia audiuisset neque instrumentum in talibus contra eundem dedisse Et quod nunquam audiuit ipsum absolutionem neque licentiam petiisse neque relaxationem ab huiusmodi excommunicatione si quam incurrebat Et quod talia fuerunt falsa et inana Super quibus prefatus Dompnus Jacobus petiit instrumentum Acta infra refectorium seu aulam de Monimvsk hora quasi prima post meridiem presentibus Dompno Johanne Akynheid vsufructuario de Monimvsk Domino Henrico Qubitwellis capellano Roberto Mavour et Johanne Makky laicis cum diuersis aliis .

Instrumentum super mutua exoneratione Prioris Sancti Andree et Prioris de Monimvsk. ¹ —(A.D. 1538.)

Quinto Julii anno Domini [M^o. v^o.] xxxviij. Quo die personaliter constituti venerabiles in Christo patres Johannes Haburne prior Sancti Andree et Daud Fayrlie prior monasterii de Monimvsk hinc inde alios exonerauerunt et quilibet ipsorum alium exonerauit quieteclamauit alium de omnibus et singulis debitis per eosdem alteri debentibus Et signanter penes intromissionem per dictum Dompnum Daud de omnibus compotis et receptis per eundem aliquibus temporibus transactis fructuum Prioratus Sanctiandree temporibus sui predecessoris et de receptis per eundem Episcopatus Sanctiandree tempore sedis vacantis Et de receptis et intromissionibus per dictum Priorem Sanctiandree de bonis dicti Dompni Daud prioris antedicti in quibuscunque locis Et hoc in foro fori seu

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

litigioso sed non in foro poli / Super quibus hincinde petierunt et quilibet eorum petiit instrumenta Acta apud Sanctumandream in camera prefati Prioris Sanctiandree hora quasi tertia post meridiem vel circiter presentibus Patricio Kynard Jacobo Lamme et Magistro Joanne Gairdinour notario .

Instrumentum super fossa inter Estir Foulis et Westir Foulis. ¹ —(A.D. 1538.)

Decimo nono Augusti anno Domini etc. xxxviij. Quo die personaliter constitutus religiosus pater David prior de Monimvsk accessit ad quandam fossam de nouo per Robertum Lummysdane et suos tenentes de Estir Foulis edificatam inter Estir Foulis et villam de Westir Foulis eandemque fossam asseruit esse super terram et communem pasturam de Westir Foulis monasterio de Monimvsk spectantem Qua propter ne in posterum dicta fossa teneatur pro meta seu marchia inter dictas terras dictus Prior per modum interruptionis proiecit deorsum ad terram duos aut tres sespites eiusdem Super quibus petiit instrumentum Acta apud eandem fossam hora secunda post meridiem presentibus Magistro Johanne Elphinstoun rectore de Inuernochty Domino Alexandro Shand Duncano Davidsoune et Patricio Crome . .

Johannes Forbes in Eglismatock requirit Priorem de Monimvsk ad dandum responsum cuiusdam cedula supplicacionis. ¹ —(A.D. 1540.)

Penultimo Octobris anno [m^o. v^o.] xl^o. Eodem die Johannes Forbes in Eglismatock requisivit venerabilem religiosumque patrem David priorem de Monimvsk ad dandum sibi responsum cuidam cedula supplicacionis supremi domini nostri Regis dicto Priori per eundem tradite ut asseruit ut idem supremo domino nostro Regi respondere voluerit Super quibus petiit instrumentum Acta in pretorio Abirdonensi hora xj. ante meridiem presentibus Willelmo Rolland vicecomite Magistro David Nicholsonsone et Johanne Kennarte notariis .

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

Priour of Monymusk.¹ —(A.D. 1542.)

Xviiij^o. Julij . Anent oure Souerane Lordis lettres purchest at the instance of David priour of the abbay of Monymusk and convent of the samin agains Johnne Forbes *alias* Bousteous Johnne² That quhair thai optenit ane rolment of court befor the schiref of Abirdene and his deputis findand that the said Johnne wranguslie occupyit and lauborit four oxingang of the said Priour and conventis landis of Eglismenethok with the pertinentis pertenyng to thame as patrimony and properte of thair said place lyand within the schirefdome of Abirdene be ane certane space bigane And tharfor decernyng the said Johnne to desist and ceiss fra all farther occupatioun of the samin in tyme to cum and to remove tharefrae . . . neuirtheles the said Johnne as yit violentlie occupyis and withhaldis fra thame thair foresaidis landis and will nocht remove tharefra without he be compellit . . . The said Priour and convent comperand be Maister Andro Leslie thair procuratour and the said Johnne Forbes being personallie present The Lordis of Counsale decernis and ordanis lettres to be direct in all the foure formes . . . charging the said Johnne Forbes to desist and ceiss fra all farthyr occupatioun of the saidis landis of Eglismenathok with the pertinentis in tyme to cum and to remove him self his seruandis and gudis thairfra . . .

Assedacio decimarum garbaliū de Estir Foulis et Carnaveran.³ —(A.D. 1542.)

Vigesimo quarto Septembris anno Domini xv^o. xliij^o. Eodem die personaliter constitutus David prior de Monimvsk assedauit honorabili viro Roberto Lummsdane de Madlar Isobelle Forbes sue coniugi et Magistro Matheo Lummsdane ac eorum diutius viuenti totas et integras decimas garbales villarum de Estir Foulis et molendini et Carnaveran pro integro

¹ [Abridged from the Register of the Acts and Decrees of the Court of Session, vol. i., fol. 68.]

² [See Matthew Lumsden's Genealogy of the Family of Forbes, p. 35.]

³ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

spacio trium annorum post datam presencium . . . Soluendo annuatim dicto Priori in festo Sancti Bartholomei pro decimis de Estir Foulis et molendini summam nouem decem mercarum et Carnaveran summam sex mercarum monete Scocie / Et sub hac conditione quod prefate persone erunt fideles dicto Priori et suo monasterio Et quod reuelabunt eidem de quibuscunque incommodis et damnis sibi et dicto monasterio concernentibus per eosdem cognitis Ac cum perueniant ad villam de Monimysk quod intrabunt in dictum monasterium et si premissa minime perimplerint assedacio nullius sit valoris Super quibus petierunt instrumenta Acta in cemeterio de Loquhell hora secunda post meridiem presentibus Jacobo Forbes de Corsendave Patricio Forbes de Cors Domino Wilermo Forbes et me notario .

Instrumentum super ponendo Thomam Alansone in rentali Archiepiscopi Sanctiandree. ¹ —(A.D. 1533.)

Vij^o. Decembris anno [j^m. v^c.] xxxiiij^o. Eodem die personaliter constitutus Jacobus Allansone in Ardnellie commorans infra parrochiam de Monimusk consensum suum prebuit Thome Allansone filio suo ad comparandum coram Archiepiscopo Sancti Andree eiusve camerario ad intrandum ipsum in quatuor bovatis suis tenentie de Arnedlie et ad ponendum et intrandum eundem Thomam in rentali dicti reuerendi patris reseruatis tamen dicto Jacobo proficuis eiusdem tenentie durante vita sua quod idem Thomas fideliter perimplere promisit Super quibus idem Thomas petiit instrumentum Acta infra cimiterium de Monimysk hora vij^a. ante meridiem presentibus Domino Johanne Carleil vicario de Glenbichat Domino Johanne Red et Allano Covtis cum diuersis aliis .

Instrumentum super decimis garbalibus de Petfeche. ¹ —(A.D. 1518.)

Decimo die mensis Decembris anno Domini / m^o. / quingentesimo xvij^o. Quo die . . . personaliter constitutus discretus vir Magister Thomas

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

Scherar curatus siue vicarius de Monimvsk accessit ad personalem presentiam Duncani Elmisle in Petfeche commorantis humiliter et debita cum instantia eundem requisivit et interrogavit ab eodem procuratorio nomine vt asseruit venerabilis egregii viri Magistri Alexandri Symsons rectoris de Monimvsk si decime garbales ville de Petfeche fuerunt congregate in orto dicti Duncani cum licencia et facultate eiusdem Ac si idem Duncanus fecerit impedimentum seruatoribus rectoris antedicti in correctione emendatione et edificatione predictarum decimarum Quiquidem Duncanus fatebatur se licentiam dedisse sic quod dicte decime poterant congregari in orto eiusdem Et similiter confessus est impedimentum et interruptionem fecisse seruatoribus antedicti rectoris propter fractionem et destructionem fossarum suarum / Ex quibus responsionibus et confessionibus idem Magister Thomas procuratorio nomine quo supra imposuit super dictis decimis garbalibus summam viginti quatuor mercarum monete Scocie per dictum Duncanum soluendam ad terminos consuetos propter causas antedictas Et de remedio juris protestatus est Super quibus idem Magister Thomas procuratorio nomine quo supra petiit instrumentum Acta infra ecclesiam parochialem antedictam hora nona ante meridiem . . . Presentibus ibidem Daud Farchar / Dik clerico deputato Alexandro Robertsons Findlayo Quisne cum diuersis aliis ad premissa vocatis et rogatis .

Diploma prosapiae Mariae Magdalenae Vrrie. ¹ —(A.D. 1669.)

Carolus [Dei gratia Magnae Britanniae Franciae Hyberniae Rex] etc. . . . Vniuersis et singulis cujuscunque ordinis aut dignitatis quorum intererit aut ad quos presentes vbivis gentium pervenire contigerit salutem in eo qui est omnium salus Quandoquidem dilecta nostra Domina Maria Margareta Vrrie natione Scota nunc in vrbe Lytheonacij degens supplex a nobis postulaverit vt que de ipsius natalibus et prosapia vel in hominum memoria vel in antiquis regni Scotiae monumentis constarent publico nostro diplomate testata faceremus Nos tam honestae petitioni faventes opera et fide quorundam nobilium et generosorum virorum quibus nos id.

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, (pap. reg.) lib. ix., no. 135.]

muneris demandavimus diligenti indagatione facta et tota re explorata Idcirco cunctis notum facimus et testamur dictam Dominam Mariam Margaretam Vrrie filiam esse legitimam illustrissimi viri Domini Joannis Vrrie militis ex Domina Maria Magdalena van Jaxheim legitima Domini Christopheri Sebasteani van Jaxheim de Erlabrunne filia dictumque Joannem Vrrie filium fuisse legitimum Domini Joannis Vrrie comarchi seu baronis de Pitfichie ex Marjoria Cameraria vulgo Chalmers legitima Domini Alexandri Chalmers a Cultes filia legitima sua conjuge dictumque Joannem legitimum fuisse filium Domini Gulielmi Vrrie de Pitfichie ex Elisabetha Erskine legitima Domini a Dun filia dictumque Gulielmum filium fuisse legitimum Domini Gulielmi Vrrie a Pitfichie ex Agneta Leslie legitima Domini a Wairdes filia dictumque Gulielmum legitimum fuisse filium Domini Georgij Vrrie a Pitfichie ex Elisabetha Fraseria legitima Domini a Mouchell nunc Comitiss Frazeri filia dictumque Georgium filium fuisse legitimum Domini Davidis Vrrie a Pitfichie a Joanna Leslie legitima Domini a Balquhyne filia dictumque Davidem filium fuisse legitimum Domini Gulielmi Vrrie a Pitfichie ex Barbara Creightoun legitima tunc Domini nunc Vicecomitiss a Frendraught filia dictumque Gulielmum filium fuisse legitimum spectati et generosi viri Gilberti Vrrie a Pitfichie ex Elisabetha Lawder legitima Domini a Basse filia dictumque Dominum Gilbertum legitimum fuisse filium Domini Joannis Vrrie a Pitfichie ex Catharina Forbesia legitima Comitiss Forbesij filia dictam insuper Marjoriam Chalmers dicti Domini Joannis Vrrie militis matrem filiam fuisse legitimam Domini Alexandri Chalmers a Cultes ex Domini Roberti Lumsden a Cushney incliti quondam apud nos jurisconsulti filia dictumque porro Dominum Alexandrum Chalmers legitimum fuisse filium Domini Alexandri Chalmers a Cultes ex Domina Joneta Irving legitima Domini Jacobi Irving fratris Domini a Drum filia dictumque Alexandrum legitimum fuisse filium Domini Thome Chalmers a Cultes ex Besseta Fraseria legitima Domini a Dorres filia dictumque Thomam filium fuisse legitimum dicti Domini Alexandri Chalmers a Cultes ex Helena Rait legitima Domini ab Hagreine filia dictumque Alexandrum filium fuisse legitimum Domini Thome Chalmers a Cultes ex Maria Menzia legitima Domini a Pitfoddells filia dictumque Thomam filium fuisse legitimum Domini Alexandri Chalmers a Cultes ex Elisabetha Duglassia legitima Domini a Glenbervie filia dictumque Alexandrum filium fuisse legitimum

Domini Alexandri Chalmers a Cultes ex Joneta Leslie Domini Joannis Leslie ab eodem filia dictumque Alexandrum filium fuisse legitimum Domini Alexandri Chalmers a Cultes ex Agneta Haya legitima Comitiss Arroliae filia dictosque omnes dictae Dominae Mariae Margaretae tam paternos quam maternos majores nullo thori probro laborasse aut de genere labe suam temerasse prosapiam sed acceptam a majoribus virtutem et splendorem summa cum laude ad posteros transmisisse immaculatam . . . Quibus ad plenam apud omnes fidem faciendam sigillum nostrum magnum appendi mandavimus Edinburgi decimo septimo Junij anno partae salutis humanae millesimo sexcentesimo sexagesimo nono regnique nostri vigesimo primo .

Testimoniall of Armes.¹ —(A.D. 1561.)

To all and sindry quhome it offeris to quhayis knowlege thir presentis sall cum greting in God euirlasting We Schir Robert Forman of Lathie knycht Lyoune King of Armes in the realme of Scotland hawand consideration of the requeist maid to ws be ane honorable gentilman Maister Doncane Forbes of Monymusk in the name of Katerine Forbes dochter to vmquhyle Williame Forbes induellar in the town of Elchinuwir within the realme of Denmark Schawand that the said vmquhile Williame fader to the said Katerine ves gentilman borne and descendit lynalie of the honorable houss of Petslego bot quhat armes sche aucht and suld beir sche is vncertane Thairfour hes requirit ws to assigne to hir the saidis armes mettill and cullour thair of as appertenis ws of our office to do We hawand consideration that thar is sindry gentill men landit beand of that surname of Forbes within this realme berand armes with differens aither fra vthir Oure attentik Registar is bukis of Armes beand sersit and ryplie quisit with be ws findis the said vmquhile Williame fader to the said Katerine lenalie descendit of the said honourable howss of Petslego and sche aucht and suld beir the armes of the samyn in all tymes cuming as fallowis Azur thre beirheidis siluir mussalit sable with ane freis of the heidis in the middis as is heir vnder depaintit without reproche of ony

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

persoune quhilk we tak vpone ws be this our testimonial subscriuit with our hand oure sele of office is hingin heirto At Edinburcht the thrid day of Junij the yeir of God j^m. v^c. thre scoir and ane yeir .

Names of the ydle and maisterles men in the parochine of Monymusk. ¹
—(*circa* A.D. 1630.)

To the Richt Honorabill and my verrie good Lordis
My Lordis of his Majesties Privie Counsell /
These /

It may pleis your Lordshippis / That according to your Lordshippis lettres direct to the Justices of Peace of the schireffdome of Abirdene for trying and fynding out of ydle maisterles men / and making of ane roll of thair names to be presentit to your Lordshippis / according quhairvnto it is trew that I Sir Williame Forbes of Monymusk knycht barronet ane of the Justices of Peace of the schirrefdome of Abirdene within the parochinis of Monymusk Kintor and Kemnay / assistit withe the ministeris and some of the elderis of the said parochines / conforme to your Lordshippis lettres inquiryit and socht out to haiff found the said idle and maisterles persones / did onlie find within the parochine of Monymusk Johnne Chrystie wobster in Finzeache of the aige of threttie yeris / Androw Michell in Nether Balfosk of the aige of tuentie four yeris / Williame Cobane in Pitmvnie cowper of the aige of thrittie four yeris / James Elsmelie in Inver of the aige of tuentie yeris / Williame Smithe somtymes frequenting within the parochine of Monymusk and somtymes in Cluny / And haiffeing proceidit forder in the samyne inquiryit in the parochines of Kintor and Kemnay could find nothing bot as the instrumentis takin vpoun my proceidingis herwithe inclosit beris quhairvnto I remitt me and attending your Lordshippis forder direction heranent I sall evir remane

Your Lordshippis servitour
Monymusk .

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

Service on Monymusk.¹ —(A.D. 1702.)

October 5, 1702 . Special service of Sir William Forbes as nearest heir to his father Sir John Forbes of Monymusk knight baronet in . . . the lands of Inverarnidly Pittinner (alias Pitenmouny) the Overmill of Monymusk mill lands thereof with the pertinents and also in the multures of Inzian astrict multures . . . as well on the north as the south part of the water of Don with the . . . old toun of Monymusk the old house and gardens thereof with the out house of Monymusk . . . Also in . . . the lands of Toringloise with the rigg of land lying in the Petts of Monymusk . . . Also in half the lands of Petts with the tenement of land commonly called Scotfatis land . . . lying in the village of Monymusk And also in . . . the two halves of the lands of Carnabo . . . and in . . . the three riggs of land lying in the Petts of Monymusk with the tenements . . . And also in . . . the Petts called the Middle-third lands the Bourtie lands with the small croft called the Bessiehoods croft lying on the south part of the burn of Monymusk with the . . . pertinents And also in . . . the lands of Putaquhy with toft and croft and the lands of Petts and riggs . . . lying in the village of Monymusk . . . and . . . united . . . into a . . . tenendry called the tenendry of Monymusk . . . Also in . . . the town and lands of Cowlie and Inzian with the mill mill lands multures . . . and in . . . the lands of Aversweythock with the mills thereof multures . . . And also in . . . the town and lands of Tombeg Dullab Tullachourie with the mill . . . and mill lands multures and pertinents Also in . . . the lands of Todlachy with the pendicles thereof commonly called Outchrorre with the multures . . . and pertinents . . . And also in . . . the town and lands of Pittfichie with the castle tower fort manor place mill mill lands thereof and salmon fishing on the water of Don Ordwood Ordhead Ordbaugh Sandiehillock Picktillum Ordmill Mildowrie Ballquhorsk the Over and Nether Rowrandalls with parts pendicles multures . . . all lying in the regality of St. Andrews and shire of Aberdeen And also in . . . that part of

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

the moss commonly called the Mosses of Craigeearn lying on the west side of Kalymyre . . . Which said lands of Inverardneidly Pittinine alias Pittinmunie the Overmill of Monymusk mill lands thereof with the multures . . . and . . . the multures . . . of Inzian . . . with the . . . old toun of Monymusk . . . with the outhouse of Monymusk and also the lands of Tornagloyes . . . Petts called Midlethird . . . Bourty with . . . Bessyhools croft . . . Puttaquhy with the toft and croft . . . Petts . . . and riggs . . . and . . . Carnabo . . . were held of the Archbishops of St. Andrews . . . and are now held of the King . . . in feu farm and heritage perpetually for yearly payment of . . . and . . . for . . . Inver . . . Ardneidly . . . Pittinen . . . the Overmill of Monymusk . . . the croft of Monymusk . . . forty nine pounds thirteen shillings four pence Scots yearly . . . And also for the foresaid half . . . of Carnabo . . . thirteen shillings four pence Scots . . . And for . . . Tornoglois two shillings Scots . . . and for said rigg and half rigg twenty shillings Scots . . . along with the common suit at one court of Monymusk Also for . . . Petts and riggs . . . four shillings Scots . . . also one suit to be made at three head courts of the regality of St. Andrews held yearly . . . Which towns and lands of Cowley and Inzean . . . Abersnithick . . . Tombeg Dallab Tilliechurie . . . Todlachie . . . and pertinents . . . are held of George Duke of Gordon his heirs male and successors . . . in feu farm for yearly payment of . . . eighty eight pounds Scots . . . Which lands of Pitfichie with the castle fort manor place mill mill lands . . . and salmon fishing . . . Ordhood Ordwood Ordhaugh Sandiehillock Picktillan Ordmill Mildourie Balquborsk the Over and Nether Rowrendalls with . . . pendicles . . . are held of the Queen in feu farm for yearly payment of forty shillings Scots with six shillings eight pence of augmentation . . . according to charter under the great seal . . . granted by Charles II. in favor of the said Sir John Forbes . . . dated 22 July 1661 Which foresaid part of the moss . . . of Craigeearn . . . is held of the said George Duke of Gordon in fee for payment of six shillings four pence Scots . . .

IN THE PRESBYTERY OF TURRIFF.

THE PARISH OF TURRIFF.¹

Carta Regis Thome Spring.² —(A.D. 1369.)

David Dei gracia Rex Scottorum . Omnibus probis etc. Sciatis nos dedisse etc dilecto et fideli nostro Thome Spring totam terram de Gask cum pertinenciis infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene / vna cum annuo redditu duarum marcarum debito siue exeunte de terra de Balmalyne / Que et qui fuerunt Elene M^cGuffok et quam et quem eadem Elena nobis apud Edynburghe . vicesimo quarto die Decembris . anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo sexagesimo nono / sursum reddidit pureque et simpliciter resignavit . Tenendam et habendam eidem Thome et heredibus suis / de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate / per omnes rectas metas et diuisas suas / cum omnibus et singulis etc. in omnibus et per omnia . sicut dicta Elena dictam terram et annuum redditum cum pertinenciis de nobis ante resignacionem suam nobis exinde factam liberius quicquid plenius integrius et honorificentius juste tenuit seu possedit . Faciendo inde seruicium debitum et consuetum . In cuius rei etc. Apud Edynburghe xxiiij^{to} die mensis Decembris / anno regni nostri quadragesimo .

Confirmatio Regia Alexandro Hay et sponse ejus.³ —(A.D. 1510.)

Apud Striveling . xxxi. Maii . j^m. v^o. x. . Rex confirmavit cartam Gilberti Hay de Ardendracht militis [in qua concessit filio suo et heredi apparenti Alexandro Hay et Elizabethe Abirnethy sue sponse et eorum

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 473-480, and Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the same shires, pp. 337-359.]

² [From the Registrum Magni Sigilli, p. 72, no. 246.]

³ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xv., no. 220, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus suis masculis inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus masculis legitimis et propinquioribus dicti Gilberti quibus omnibus deficientibus heredibus dicti Gilberti quibuscunque (pro matrimonio inter ipsos solempnizato) terras de Northtoun Auchinschogill et Plady in baronia de Dalgaty infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . Reddendo Regi servicium debitum et consuetum necnon wardas et relevia . Testibus Thoma Hay in Glakreache Johanne Thorntone et Domino Patricio Barcar capellano . Apud Ardendracht . xvi. Februarii . j^m. v^c. ix.] . Testibus Willelmo episcopo Abirdonensi Alexandro comite de Huntlie Archibaldo comite de Ergile Matheo comite de Levenax Alexandro domino Hume Andrea domino Gray Georgio abbate de Abirbrothok Magistro Gawino Dunbar Roberto Colvile de Uchiltre .

Carta annui redditus de Wthouch Johanni Andree.¹ —(A.D. 1468.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Alexander Menzeis burgensis burgi de Aberdene salutem . . . Noueritis me . . . concessisse ac omnino vendidisse . . . honorabili viro Johanni Andree burgensi dicti burgi unum annuum redditum quinque librarum usualis monete Scotie exeuntem annuatim . . . de terris de Wthouch cum pertinentiis jacentibus in baronia de Kynedwarde infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene pro quadam certa summa pecunie . . . Tenendum . . . prefato Johanni Andree et heredibus suis et suis assignatis de me heredibus meis et meis assignatis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde . . . unum denarium argenti annuatim . . . Et si contingat dictum Johannem Andree aut heredes suos aut assignatos . . . liberum introitum in dictum annuum redditum non posse recuperare . . . volo . . . quod dictus Johannes et heredes sui et sui assignati . . . percipiant dictum annuum redditum . . . de terris

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.

On the tenth day of August, 1481, Alexander Menzels, burgess of Aberdeen, granted precept of sasine of the same annuity to Andrew Andersoun, son of the above named John Anderson, and to his wife. And on the second day of May, 1488, Andrew Andersoun conveyed the annual rent to Alexander Mar, burgess of Aberdeen.—(Originals, *ibid.*.)]

meis de Findoun jacentibus infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardin . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum est appensum apud Abirdene vicesimo tertio die mensis Julii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo sexagesimo octauo testibus honorabilibus viris Ricardo de Kyntor Gilberto de Kyntor Johanne Waus Alexandro de Camera Thoma Branch Daud Menzeis fratre meo germano Jacobo Menzeis de Lask auunculo meo Willelmo de Kyntor Alexandro de Kyntor et Domino Roberto Leis capellano et notario publico cum multis aliis .

Confirmatio Comitis Buchanie.¹—(A.D. 1497.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Jacobus comes Buchanie dominus de Ochterhouss ac baro de Kynedwarde salutem . . . Noueritis nos dedisse . . . dilectis nostris Johanni Mar filio et apparenti heredi Alexandri Mar burgensis de Abirdene et Jonete Ogistoun sponse sue . . . totum et integrum illum annum redditum quinque librarum usualis monete Scotie . . . de terris nostris de Uthouche . . . jacentibus in baronia nostra de Kynedwarde infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Quiquidem annuus redditus . . . fuit quondam prefati Alexandri Mar . . . et quem idem Alexander per suos procuratores in manus nostras sursum reddidit . . . Tenendum . . . in feodo et hereditate Reddendo . . . unum denarium argenti . . . In quorum omnium testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum est appensum apud Ouchterhouss vicesimo nono die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonogesimo septimo coram hiis testibus dilecto filio nostro Alexandro Steuart nostro apparente herede Domino Jacobo Steuart Andrea Fowlar et Alexandro Leslie notario publico .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.

In the year 1501, the above named Jonet Ogistoun resigned the annual rent in favour of Alexander Menzies, of Pitfoddellis, provost of Aberdeen, who, in the year 1503, granted it to Andrew Elphinstoun of Selmys.—(Originals *ibid.*) By Andrew Elphinstoun of Selmys, it was, in the year 1504, granted to the students of theology in the new college of the University of Aberdeen; and by Bishop Elphinston's second foundation it was assigned to the third of the six endowed students in theology.—(*Fasti Abirdonensea*, pp. 43, 44, 88.)]

Carta Thome Cowpland super terris de Vdache Ardin Auchry etc.¹ —
(A.D. 1505.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos pro bonoque gratuito seruiicio nobis et successoribus nostris per dilectum nostrum Thomam Cowpland impenso et in posterum impendendo dedisse . . . dicto Thome totam et integram vnam dimedietatem terrarum de Vdache cum pertinentiis videlicet dimedietatem terrarum dominicalium de Vdache Ardin Auchry Buthquhanyoquhy et molendinum earundem jacentium in baronia de Kinedward infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene Quequidem terre . . . fuerunt dicti Thome hereditarie tanquam vna libera tenandria olim de dicta baronia de Kinedward tenta Et que terre et baronia de Kinedward tam in proprietate quam in tenandria per decretum et deliberacionem Dominorum nostri Consilii nobis adiudicantur pertinere et in manibus nostris existere ratione nonintroitus per decessum quondam Johannis comitis Buchanie Constabularii Francie Camerarii Scocie et baronis de Kynedward qui obiit vltimus legitimus possessor prefate baronie Cui quondam Johanni comiti Buchanie consanguineus noster Georgeus dominus Seytoun legitimus et propinquior heres existit dictarum terrarum de Kynedward Et pro prosecutione et recuperacione earundem breuia capelle nostre impetravit Et postea gratitudinibus et vtilitatibus per nos eidem consanguineo nostro Georgeo domino Seytoun impensis ipse easdem terras et omne jus earundem in manibus nostris pure et simpliciter dimisit ac omni juris clameo juris titulo que vel quem ipse aut heredes sui habuerunt habent seu quouismodo futuris temporibus habere potuerunt in seu ad huiusmodi terras et baroniam de Kynedward omnino renunciavit imperpetuum et pro se et heredibus suis concedendo consenciendo et admittendo easdem terras nobiscum et successoribus nostris remansuras in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum Tenendam . . . dicto Thome et heredibus suis de nobis et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia vicecomitatus nostri de Abirdene vnacum wardis releuijs et maritagijs cum contigerint In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 140.]

nostre sigillum nostrum apponi precipimus . . . apud Striueling decimoquinto die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto et regni nostri decimo octauo .

Confirmatio Regis Johanni Forbes de Brux ejusque sponse.¹ —(A.D. 1507.)

Apud Monasterium de Pasleto . xxv. Julii . j^m. v^c. vii. . Rex confirmavit cartam Roberti Gordoune de Udauche [in qua vendidit et alienavit Johanni Forbes de Brux et Mariote Gordoune sponse sue eorumque diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus propinquioribus legitimis ipsius Johannis et suis assignatis quibuscunque dimedietatem terrarum de Udauche cum molendino lapicidiis etc. earundem et terras de Mekil Bitht in baronia de Kynnedward infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene pro quadam certa pecunie summa persoluta . Reservato tamen libero tenemento dicto Roberto Gordoune ac rationabili tertia Jonete Innes sponse sue . Reddendo annuatim Regi tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia vicecomitatus de Abirdene ac wardam etc. cum contigerint . Testibus Willelmo Forbes de Towis Alexandro Bannerman de Wattertoune Johanne Leslie de Wardris David Menzies de Petfodellis Jacobo Collisoun Domino Thoma Jaffrasone vicario de Forbes Dominis Thoma Wallace et Johanne Striveling notariis publicis . Apud Abirdene . xxviij. Maii . j^m. v^c. vij.]

Rex confirmat cartam Johannis Dempstare de Ouchtirles.² —(A.D. 1478.)

Apud Edinburghe . viij. Maii . j^m. cccc. lxxviij. . Rex confirmavit cartam Johannis Dempstare de Ouchtirles [in qua concessit Waltero domino de Invermeithe et heredibus suis terras suas de Invermeithe cum pertinentiis videlicet sextam partem baronie ejusdem infra vicecomitatum de Perth in excambium pro terris dicti Walteri de Fortra Ordmiddill Muresk et Kinhermit in dominio de Latheris baronia de Kinedward infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . Tenendas de supremo domino Rege in feodo . Testibus Johanne episcopo Brechinensi David Dempstare de Caradstoune

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 319, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Ibid., lib. viii., no. 114, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

Jacobo Rynde de Broxmouthe Thoma Fotheringame de Powry Patricio Gardine de eodem Magistro Willelmo Meldrum vicario Brechinensi Magistro Jacobo Balfour subdecano ejusdem et Magistro Henrico Meldrum prebendario de Kilmore . Apud Brechin . xxvii. Martii . j^m. cccc. lxxviii.] Salvis Regi wardis .

Concessio Regia Joanni Dempstare de Uchterles. ¹ (A.D. 1481.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxij. Octobris . j^m. cccc. lxxxi. . Rex concessit Joanni Dempstare de Uchterles et heredibus suis superioritatem totius et integri domini ac tenendiarum de Lateris cum pertinentiis jacentium infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene necnon quintas partes terrarum de Fortray Ordmydill Murrask et Kynarmyt cum pertinentiis ac sextam partem terrarum et le Manys dicti domini de Latteris sextam partem terrarum de Durlateris et Glaslo cum sexta parte molendinorum cum pertinentiis jacentes in dicto dominio et infra vicecomitatum predictum super resignatione Joannis domini Insularum tanquam baronis de Kynedwarde superioris earundem et super resignatione dicti Joannis Dempstare Tenendas de Rege Reddendo servitia debita et consueta Testibus Willelmo archiepiscopo Sancti Andree Joanne episcopo Glasguensi Willelmo episcopo Moraviensi Regis secreti sigilli custode Andrea domino Avandale cancellario Scotie Colino comite de Ergile magistro hospitii Regis Davide comite de Crawfurde Joanne domino Carlile Magistris Archibaldo Quhytlaw archidiacono Lawdonie secretario Regis et Alexandro Inglis archidiacono Sancti Andree clerico rotulorum et registri Regis . Apud Edinburgum . xxii. die Octobris . j^m. cccc. lxxxi.

Concessio Regis Patricio Stewart. ² —(A.D. 1506.)

Apud Edinburghe . iv. Decembris . j^m. v^c. vi. . Rex concessit Patricio Stewart et heredibus suis binas partes terrarum dominicalium de Latheris terrarum de Rotloche et de molendinis de Latheris et Drachlaw necnon

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. ix., no. 3, MS Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Ibid., lib. xiv., no. 275, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

binam partem terrarum de Rothybrisdane infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas Thomas dominus Invermerche resignavit .

Service on Little Colp. ¹—(A.D. 1698.)

July 20, 1698 . Special service of Jean Ross only daughter of George Ross merchant in Aberdeen as nearest heiress of John Ross lately treasurer of the burgh of Aberdeen her grandfather in . . . the town and lands of Little Colp with the houses . . . and pertinents . . . lying in the barony of Balquhollie parish of Turreff and shire of Aberdeen . . . Which . . . lands were held of the late Jean Wallace of Colp daughter of the late John Wallace in Turreff in free blench for yearly payment of one penny Scots . . . and are now held of Thomas Wallace blockmaker in Banff nephew of the foresaid John Wallace of Colp . . .

THE PARISH OF DRUMBLADE.²

Villelmus Leslie in Drumblait requirit Decanum Christianitatis de Gareacht quatenus sibi daret absolutionem a pena excommunicationis. ³—(A.D. 1532.)

Quarto Aprilis anno Domini [j^m. v^c.] xxxij^o. Eodem die personaliter

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 475 480.]

On the fifteenth day of May, 1548, John Gordoun, son and heir of John Gordoun of Pette-marcus, (who was slain in fight with the English in 1547,) was seised on a royal precept in the lands of Crewethin in the parish of Drumblait and lordship of Strathbogy, in the lands of Gilkemstoun, in the half of Kyndrocht, in the third part of the lands of Faithlie in the barony of Kynedward, and in the third part of the lands of Mylhill, Pette-marcus, and of the Mill of Mylbrek in the barony of Kynmounde.—(Original in the charter chest of Sir John Stuart Forbes of Pitsligo and Fettercairn, baronet.) On the twenty-ninth of June, 1618, James Leslye was served heir of Walter Leslie of Drumdolo, his father, in the third part of a davate of Comalegye in this parish,—viz., in the middle third part of the towns and lands of Comalegye, Begishill, Stanxfield, Wadderburn, Brumhill, Cheppiltoun, Thomastoun, and of a croft where the old mill called Lyonismill stood.—[Inquisitiones Speciales Vicecomitatus Aberdonensis, no. 586.]

³ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

constitutus honorabilis vir Villelmus Leslie in Drumblait commorans comparuit coram discreto viro Domino Andrea Scherar decano Xpianitatis de Gareaucht asserens se excommunicatum et non communicatum in Pascha vltime transacto et hoc pro excessibus in vltimo capitulo supra eundem impositis et dilatis Idem Villelmus asseruit . . . vere penitentibus esse paratum debuisse Quiquidem Villelmus offerebat se paratum stare mandatis ecclesie et facere quod de jure facere tenetur humiliter requirendo dictum Decanum quatenus sibi daret absolutionem ut inter Xpifideles habitare potuisset / Idem Decanus dicebat et allegabat se minime habuisse commissionem absolueri eundem in talibus excessibus pro quibus idem excommunicatus fuisset sed tales defectus reseruatur Commissariis . . . asseruit Super quibus idem Willelmus petiit instrumentum Acta apud Inuerovry hora xj. ante meridem presentibus Domino Gilberto Vaus Magistro Johanne Ronaldi Domino Johanne Thomsonsone cum diuersis aliis .

Concessio Regis Elizabeth Lindesay etc.¹ —(A.D. 1455.)

Apud Faucland . xiv. Octobris . j^m. cccc. lviii. . Rex concessit dilecte sue Elizabeth Lindesay filie David Lindesay de Lethnot et Margarete de Fentoune de Baky et heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus Margarete Lindesay sorori dicte Elizabeth et heredibus etc. quibus deficientibus Isabelle Lindesay sorori sue et heredibus etc. quibus deficientibus Mariorie Lindesay sorori eciam sue et heredibus etc. quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicte Margarete de Fentoun matris quibuscunque quartas partes terrarum de Cullace et Litol Buttiregask infra vicecomitatum de Perth quartam partem ville de Bridistoune infra vicecomitatum de Forfare ac quartam partem terrarum de Drumblate infra vicecomitatum de Ab[irdene] quas eadem Margareta mater dicte Elizabeth apud Edinburghe per suos procuratores resignavit Reservato libero tenemento dicte quarte partis terrarum ville de Bridistoune prefate Margarete matri pro toto tempore vite sue . Testibus Georgio episcopo Brechinensi cancellario Thoma episcopo Candidie Case secreti sigilli cus-

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. v., no. 22, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

tode Jacobo domino Levingstoune magno camerario Roberto domino Flemyng Roberto domino Boid domino . . . Patricio domino Halys et Willelmo de Moravia de Tulibardin Niniano de Spot canonico Dunkel-densi computorum rotulatore .

Rex confirmat cartam Patricii Ogilvy ipsius filio. ¹ —(A.D. 1485.)

Apud Edinburghe . xiiij. Septembris . j^m. cccc. lxxxv. . Rex confirmavit cartam Patricii Ogilvy de Calzebroche [in qua concessit filio suo et heredi apparenti Andree Ogilvy et heredibus suis masculis de corpore suo legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus sibi Patricio et heredibus suis quibuscunque terras de Tollyis et Drumblat infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Tenendas de Rege in feodo . Reservato tamen libero tenemento dicto Patricio . Testibus Domino Jacobo Ogilvy de Erly milite Johanne Ogilvy de Ballindoch David Ogilvy de Tolmade Gilberto Ramsay de Mawise Willelmo Rosse Johanne Rosse Johanne Lowsoune et Domino Henrico Brois capellano ac notario publico . Apud Erly . xxx. Augusti . j^m. cccc. lxxxv.] Salvis Regi wardis etc.

Confirmatio Regia Patricio Berclay de Garnetuly. ² —(A.D. 1487.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxvi. Maii . j^m. cccc. lxxxvii. . Rex confirmavit cartam Johannis Langlandis de Cullace et Elizabeth Lindesay ejus sponse [in qua vendiderunt et alienaverunt Patricio Berclay de Garnetuly heredibus suis et assignatis terras de Drumblat que fuerunt quondam Mergarete Fentoune domine de Baky in dominio ejusdem infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene pro quadam certa summa pecunie persoluta Tenendas de Rege in feodo Testibus Thoma Fotheringham de Powry David Guthre filio et apparente herede Johannis [Guthre] de Essay Alexandro Boyse Magistro Willelmo Barry et Roberto Seres notariis publicis . Apud Dundee . xi. Aprilis . j^m. cccc. lxxxvii.]

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. x., no. 156, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Ibid., lib. xl., no. 59, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

Alia confirmatio Regia Patricio Berclay. ¹ (A.D. 1491.)

Apud Linlithgw . ii. Septembris . j^m. cccc. xci. . Rex confirmavit cartam Mergarete Fentoune de Baky David Narne de Sandfurde et Henrici Douglas [in qua concesserunt Patricio Berclay de Garnetuly et heredibus suis totam illam quartam partem terrarum de Dunblat infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene illis contingentem per decessum quondam Jonete Fentoune uxoris quondam Willelmi Hakkat (pro suis benemeritis etc.) Testibus Johanne domino de Glammys Jacobo Skrymgeoure constabulario de Dundee Alexandro Murref Jacobo Lyndesay Roberto Strathachin et Waltero Ogilvy de Boyne . Apud Dundee . x. Decembris . j^m. cccc. xci.] Testibus Willelmo episcopo Abirdonensi Andrea episcopo Orchadensi Colino comite de Ergile cancellario Alexandro Hume magno camerario Johanne domino Glammys justiciario Willelmo domino Sancti Johannis magistro hospicii et thesaurario Johanne priore Sancti Andree secreti sigilli custode Andrea domino Gray Laurentio domino Oliphant et Magistro Archibaldo Quhitelaw subdecano Glasguensi secretario .

Rex confirmat baroniam de Drumblate Patricio Berclay. ² —(A.D. 1493.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxx. Maii . j^m. cccc. xciiij. . Rex confirmavit cartam Mergarete Fentoune domine de Baky [in qua vendidit et alienavit Patricio Berclay de Garnetuly heredibus suis et assignatis terras baronie de Drumblate cum superioritate de Lasthindrum cum tenentibus tenandriis et liberetenentium serviciis earundem in baronia de Drumblate infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene pro certa summa pecunie persoluta . Testibus David Guthrie de Hyltoun Willelmo Arbuthnot Thoma Tulloche David Lindesay de Lethnot et Domino Johanne Skynnare capellano et notario publico . Apud Kerymure . xxv. Aprilis . j^m. cccc. xciiij.]

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xli., no. 310, M.S. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Ibid., lib. xlii., no. 68, M.S. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

Inquisicio Cristine Steuart.¹ —(A.D. 1508.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene vltimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octauo coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Wattertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia vicecomitis pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Willelmum Fraser de Phillortht Gilbertum Hay de Ardenderaugh milites Patricium Berclay de Garntuly Johannem Mowat de Loscragy Thomam Fraser de Stanyvod Patricium Steuart de Latheris Johannem Forbes de Echt Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Willelmum Craufurd de Federay Willelmum Oudny de eodem Willelmum Blakhall de eodem Johannem Forbes de Tuligovny Willelmum Buchane de Auchnacoy Johannem Dunbrek de eodem et Alexandrum Wentone de Andait Qui iurati dicunt quod quondam Daudid Steuart de Rossith miles pater Cristine Steuart latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de quarta parte dimidietatis terrarum baronie de Drumblat cum suis pertinenciis Et de quarta parte terrarum de Towys et Culhork cum suis pertinenciis iacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dicta Cristina est vna de legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus eiusdam quondam Daudid patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicta quarta pars dimidietatis terrarum baronie de Drumblat cum pertinenciis valet nunc per annum quatuor libras et valuit quadraginta solidos tempore pacis Et quod dicta quarta pars dimidietatis terrarum de Towys et Culhork cum pertinenciis valet nunc per annum quatuor marcas et valuit duas marcas tempore pacis Et quod dicte quarte partes dimidietatis terrarum baronie de Drumblat et de Towys et Culhork cum suis pertinenciis tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium warde et releuij Et nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis legitime per seipsum ob decessum quondam Mariote Herreis re-

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

At the same time, Jonet Stewart, daughter to the above-named Sir David Steuart, and Henry Admowty his grandson were served heirs to him in these lands. Jonet Stewart had, previously, on the sixth day of October, 1506, been served heir to Mariot Herreis, her mother, in the same fourth part of the lands of Drumblat.—(Ibid.)]

liete quondam dicti Daud coniunctam infeodacionem huiusmodi terrarum habentis per spacium trium annorum vel eocirca in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis Datum et clausum sub sigillo officij dicti vicecomitis deputati et sigillis quorundam eorum qui huic inquisicioni intererant faciende anno die mense et loco prenotatis .

Carta Comitiss de Marr Alexandro de Setoun domino de Gordoun.¹ —(A.D. 1425.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Alexander Stenart comes de Marr et de Garuiach salutem Sciatis nos dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto et speciali nostro Alexandro de Setoun domino de Gordoun totam et integram medietatem omnium terrarum de Culclarochy et sextam partem omnium terrarum de Gerry cum pertinentiis in dominio seu baronia de Drumblate infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Quasquidem terras cum pertinentiis Dominus Walterus de Lyndesay miles de nobis tenuit in capite et idem Dominus Walterus . . . per . . . suas litteras patentes ac attornatos suos legitime constitutos easdem terras cum pertinentiis nobis . . . simpliciter resignavit . . . Tenendas . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum de domino nostro Rege . . . Reddendo inde annuatim predictus Alexander de Setoun heredes sui vel sui assignati domino nostro Regi et heredibus suis seruitium debitum et consuetum tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presenti carte nostre fecimus apponi Apud castrum nostrum de Kyldrommy sexto die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo quinto Testibus Domino Johanne de Clat vicario de Banchory Deueny camerario nostro de Marr Daud de Tulach et Thoma Lyn armigeris nostris et Johanne Mynuss cymentario nostro cum diuersis aliis .

Carta feudifirme Magistro Thome Keiro.² —(A.D. 1557.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Magister Daud Carnegie rector de

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Gordon Castle.]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Gordon Castle.]

On the twenty-fifth day of May, 1540, William Forbes of Corsinday and Margaret Lumisden

Kynnowle ac capellanus et possessor capellanie Sancte Marie de Coclarachquhy infra diocesim Abirdonensem et vicecomitatum eiusdem per predecessores . . . Georgii moderni comitis de Huntlie fundate et dotate salutem . . . Noueritis me expresso consensu . . . dicti nobilis domini . . . dedisse . . . et ad feudifirmam . . . hereditarie dimisisse . . . honorabili viro Magistro Thome Keiro heredibus suis et assignatis quibuscunque totam et integram meam dimedietatem terrarum de Coclarachquhy lie half Newbigging dimedietatem molendini et multurarum eiusdem cum crofta de Fuitte necnon sextam partem de Garrie cum singulis earundem pertinentiis jacentes infra dictum vicecomitatum de Aberdein in euidentem utilitatem dicte mee capellanie et augmentationem rentalis eiusdem . . . Necnon pro diuersis pecuniarum summis mihi tempore confectionis presentium per eundem Magistrum Thomam persolutis . . . Tenendam . . . antedictam meam dimedietatem . . . necnon sextam partem de Garre cum singulis earundem pertinentiis . . . de me et successoribus meis capellanis dicte capellanie in feudifirma . . . et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . mihi et successoribus meis capellanis dicte capellanie summam viginti librarum usualis monete regni Scotie nomine feudifirme necnon sex solidos et octo denarios monete predicte in augmentationem dicti mei rentalis . . . Quare vobis Niniano Paslay . . . et vestrum cuilibet . . . balliuis meis in hac parte specialiter constitutis stricte precipio . . . quatinus . . . sasinam hereditariam . . . dimedietatis terrarum antedictarum . . . dimedietatisque molendini et multurarum eiusdem cum crofta et sexta parte de Garre ac singulis earundem pertinentiis prefato Magistro Thome vel suo certo attornato . . . tradatis . . . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus meis carte et sasine precepto manu propria subscriptis sigillum meum proprium est appensum unacum subscriptione et sigillo dicti patroni in signum sui consensus . . . ad subscripta apud Edinburgum die vigesima mensis Martii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo sexto coram his testibus Roberto Carnegy de Kynnard milite Andrea Quhyt

his wife, assigned to James Forbes, their son, the marriage of Jonet Gordon, portlener of Couclarquhy, daughter of William Gordon of Acsindendonald, and also the lease of the lands of Kynmuki, held by them of the Abbot of Lindores, before Alexander Skeyn of that ilk and others, witnesses.—(Original in the charter chest at Castle Forbes.) On the first day of October, 1549, George Leslie was served heir of Margaret Wintoun his mother in the fourth part of the lands of Cauclarachie and Drimduro.—[Inquisitiones Speciales vicecomitatus Aberdonensis, no. 7.]

Willelmo Bain et Richardo Lychtoun cum diuersis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis et requisitis .

Maister David Carnegy person of Kynnoull .
George erll off Huntly .

De relictis Willelmi Michelsone.¹ —(A.D. 1507.)

Curia capitalis Vicecomitis de Abirdene tenta in pretorio burgi de Abirdene quinto die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo septimo per honorabilem virum Alexandrum Bannerman de Watirtone vicecomitis deputatum de Abirden .

Alexander Iruyne of Drum Gilbert Hay of Ardendraucht knichtis Johnne Movat of Loscragy Alexander Skene of that Ilk Thome Fraser of Stanewod Williame Craford of Federay Williame Turing of Fouern Alexander Cummin of Culter Alexander Caldour of Sonnaherd Henry Forbes of Kynnellour Johnne Ross of Auchlossin Alexander Tulloche of Moncoffir Williame Blakhall of that Ilk and William King of Bourty and Johnne Dunbrek of that Ilk Johnne Forbes of Petslego .

Qui iurati dicunt quod Marioria Leslie relictis quondam Willelmi Michelsone tenetur habere rationabilem terciam tercię quarte partis terrarum de Sleoche cum pertinenciis cui contigit habere suam terciam in orientali parte dictarum terrarum .

Service on Lessendrum.² —(A.D. 1693.)

April 19, 1693 . Special service of Robert Bissett as nearest heir of his father Alexander Bissett of Lessendrum in . . . the lands of Lessendrum

¹ [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, vol. 1., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

² [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the third day of October, 1508, Isabella Lindesay, the widow of Patrick Bisset of Lessindrum, was found entitled to her terce of the lands of the Manys of Lossindrum, Vuertune of Lossindrum, Criche, Leys, and mill, &c.—(Ibid., vol. 1., MS.)]

containing . . . the town and lands called the dominical lands of Maynes of Lessendrum with the manor place houses . . . and pertinents . . . the Overtown of Lessendrum with the loan descending to the water of Durres . . . and also in . . . the lands called the Leyes of Lessendrum the town and lands of Creichie the town and lands of Knightsmilne with the mill . . . mill lands astrict multures sucken and knaveships . . . with . . . the . . . pendicles . . . lying within the barony of Drumblait and shire of Aberdeen . . . Which . . . towns lands mill and others particularly above recited . . . and pertinents . . . were united and annexed into one whole and free tenendry called the tenendry of Lessendrum according to charter by King James the Sixth under the great seal to the deceased Mr. Robert Bissett of Lessendrum grandfather of the said Robert Bissett now of Lessendrum his heirs male and assignees therein specified made and given the sixteenth day of March 1611 . . . And also in . . . the town and lands of the church town (the kirktowne) of Drumblait with the mill . . . mill lands astrict multures and knaveships of the same with the houses etc. along with the privilege of the moss and pertinents . . . also in the superiority of the double part of the lands of Bogeshill with the mill mill lands and pertinents . . . and also in the double part of the lands of Stonefield and third part of the lands of Wedderburne and third part of the lands of Thomastowne with the tenendry free tenendry services with the pertinents whereof the property belonged heritably to William Troup of Balnacraig lying within the said barony of Drumblait and shire of Aberdeen . . . Which whole dominical lands . . . and others above mentioned with their pertinents are held of the King and Queen in fee and heritage perpetually for service of ward and relief .

THE PARISH OF KING EDWARD.¹

*Carta Regis baronie de Kynnedward.*² —(A.D. 1382.)

Robertus etc. Sciatis nos dedisse etc. dilecto filio nostro Alexandro Senescalli · domino de Badenach · totam et integram baroniam de Kynnedward cum pertinentiis infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene . Quamquidem baroniam cum pertinentiis dilecta consanguinea nostra Eufamia domina de Rosse sua spontanea voluntate nobis resignavit . Tenendam et habendam eisdem Alexandro et Eufamie ac eorum diucius viuenti necnon heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreandis / quibus forsan deficientibus heredibus dicte Eufamie legitimis quibuscunque de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo et hereditate per omnes rectas metas etc. cum tenandiis et seruiciis liberetenencium et aduocacionibus ecclesiarum etc. Faciendo inde nobis seruicia debita et consueta . In cuius rei etc. Apud Inuernys . xxij. die Julij · anno regni nostri duodecimo .

*Rex restituit Comitem Rossie.*³ —(A.D. 1476.)

Apud Edinburghe . xv. Julii · j^m · cccc. lxxvi. . Rex licet alias in Par-

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 480-488, and Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the same Shires, vol. ii., pp. 360-362.]

On the fifth day of October, 1442, Alexander of Yle, earl of Ross, lord of the Isles, and justiciary of Scotland beyond the Forth, granted the barony of Kynedward with the patronage of all benefices in it, to Alexander of Setoun, knight, lord of Gordon, for his lifetime, commanding all the tenants to obey him.—(Registrum Episcopatus Abirdonensis, vol. i., p. 241.) On the sixth day of November, 1428, John, earl of Buchane and constable of France, granted precept to infeft William Forbes of Kynnaldy in the lands of Carnywhinge, Brekor Vor, and Litil Brekor, in the barony of Kinedwarte. On the eleventh day of December, 1568, John Forbes of Petalligo granted precept to infeft John Gordoun of Lungar in the lands of Tulichnobo, Carynvynge, and Catirloch.—(Originals in the charter chest of Sir John Stuart Forbes of Pitsligo and Fettercairn, baronet.)]

² [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, p. 165, no. 21.]

³ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. vii., no. 835, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin. A subsequent grant, in similar terms, is dated on the sixteenth day of December, 1478.]

liamento suo apud Edinburghe tento . xxvii. Novembris . j^m. cccc. lxxv. certos processus et judicia forisfacture contra Johannem de Ile olim comitem Rossie et dominum Insularum pro suis proditoriis criminibus demeritis contra Regiam Majestatem suam et regnum perpetratis dedit et promulgavit . Nichilominus etc. ipsum Comitem suis mundanis honoribus etc. restituit ac eciam concessit tenore carte sue nove infeodationis eidem Johanni (cum aliis terris) terras de Kinedward infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene que terre eidem Johanni ante dictam forisfacturam in proprietate hereditarie pertinebant . Tenendas dicto Johanni et heredibus masculis de corpore suo legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus Angusio de Ile filio naturali dicti Johannis et heredibus etc. quibus deficientibus Johanni de Ile filio eciam naturali dicti Johannis et heredibus etc. quibus deficientibus veris legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Johannis domini Insularum quibuscunque de Rege in feodo . Faciendo jura et servicia debita et consueta etc. . Testibus Alexandro duce Albanie comite Marchie domino Vallis Anandie et Mannie Johanne comite de Mar et Garviache fratribus germanis Regis Johanne episcopo Glasguensi Willelmo episcopo Orcha-densi secreti sigilli custode Niniano episcopo Candide Case Henrico episcopo Rossensi Roberto episcopo Ergadiensi Angusio episcopo Sodorensi Andrea domino Avandale cancellario Colino comite de Ergile etc. Georgio comite de Huntlie domino Gordone et Badzenache Johanne comite Atholie domino Balvany avunculo Regis Willelmo comite de Erole domino le Hay connestabulario regni Willelmo comite Marescalli domino Kethe Archibaldo comite Angusie domino Douglas David comite de Craufurd domino Lindesay Jacobo comite de Mortoune domino de Dalketh Archibaldo abbate Sancte Crucis de Edinburghe thesaurario Jacobo domino Hamaultoune Willelmo domino Creichtoune Willelmo domino Borthwick Magistris Willelmo Scheves archidiacono Sancti Andree et Alexandro Inglis cancellario Aberdonensi clerico rotulorum et registri .

Concessio Regis Comitisse Rossie. ¹ —(A.D. 1477.)

Apud Edinburghe . xv. Octobris . j^m. cccc. lxxvii. . Rex non obstante

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. viii., no. 40, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

revocatione sua generali facta de donacionibus etc. per ipsum in tenera sua etate concessis etc. pro gratuitis serviciis quondam progenitori Regis sibi et consorti sue Mergarete Regine a longo tempore impensis nunc in etate perfecta approbavit et ratificavit Elizabeth de Levingstoune sponse Johannis olim comitis Rossie et domini Insularum donacionem prius sibi pro toto tempore vite sue per ipsum factam ad honorabilem sustentacionem sue persone de terris baronie de Kinedward una cum advocacione ecclesiarum ejusdem baronie in comitatu Buchanie infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Quas terras dicta Elizabeth tunc habuit in conjuncta infeodacione cum dicto Johanne olim comite de Rosse ante forisfacturam ejusdem . Tenendis dicte Elizabeth pro toto tempore vite sue .

Concessio Regis Comiti Buchanie. ¹ —(A.D. 1490.)

Apud Abirbrothok . xxvii. Julii . j^m. cccc. xc. . Rex concessit Jacobo comiti Buchanie domino de Uchtirhouse et heredibus suis terras baronie de Kynedward cum tenentibus tenandriis etc. unacum donacione ecclesiarum dictis terris et baronie pertinentium infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas Johannes dominus Insularum in manibus Regis apud Abirdene resignavit .

Carta confirmacionis Roberti Stewart super carta sibi facta per Jacobum comitem Buchanie etc. ² —(A.D. 1495.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quamdam cartam dilecti auunculi nostri Jacobi comitis Buchanie domini de Vchtirhouss et baronie de Kinedward . . . ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma . OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Jacobus comes Buchanie dominus de Vchtirhouss ac baronie de Kinedward eternam in Domino salutem Noueritis nos . . . dedisse . . . dilecto consanguineo nostro Roberto Stewart omnes et singulas tres partes nostras terrarum de Casteltoune cum suis pertinenciis jacentes in baronia nostra de Kinedward infra vice-

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xii., no. 243, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xiii., no. 149.]

comitatum de Abirdene pro suis seruicijs nobis et heredibus nostris impendendis et custodia et conseruacione castri nostri de Kinedward Tenendas . . . prefato Roberto et heredibus suis masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus forte deficientibus nobis et heredibus nostris legitimis propinquieribus quibuscunque iterum reuertendas de nobis et heredibus nostris baronibus de Kinedward in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reseruatis nobis et heredibus nostris baronibus de Kinedward Monte Castri cum castro eiusdem ac le Herberr Halche et tribus acris terrarum ad sustentacionem vnus seriandi dicte baronie Faciendo inde dictus Robertus et heredes sui . . . nobis et heredibus nostris dominis dicte baronie de Kinedward seruicia et homagia vnacum custodia et conseruacione dicti castri nostri de Kinedward et id fideliter perpetuis temporibus futuris pro vtilitate nostra commodo et mandato custodiendi et conseruandi tantum pro omni alio seruicio . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum est appensum apud Banff septimo die mensis Marcij anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo quarto Coram reuerendo in Christo patre Andrea episcopo Morauiensi honorabilibus et famosis viris Patricio Stewart de Latheris Johanne Gordoun de Lunger Willelmo Cauldenhed Quintino Shewill et Johanne Willelmi scutiferis Dominis Alexandro Johnestoune et Johanne Gilgour presbiteris cum diuersis aliis QUAMQUIDEM cartam . . . pro perpetuo . . . confirmamus . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmacionis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Edinburgh decimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo quinto et regni nostri septimo .

Carta Johannis domini Forbes.¹ —(A.D. 1509.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos pro bono gratuitoque seruicio nobis impenso per dilectum consanguineum nostrum Johannem dominum Forbes et singularibus fauoribus quos sibi gerimus Neenon pro reparacione et edificatione per ipsum faciendis in incremento

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xv., no. 107.]

polecie infra regnum nostrum dedisse . . . eidem consanguineo nostro Montem Castri et *le Stede* de Kynedwarde cum bondis lapidibus calce et pertinentiis eorundem super quibus ipse construere siue edificare intendit prope terras suas de Blaktoun in baronia de Kynedward et infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene nunc nobis pertinentia et in manibus nostris existentia tanquam in manibus heredis et successoris quondam Johannis comitis de Buchane baronis de Kynedward per jus nobis acquisita . . . Tenenda . . . dicto Johanni domino Forbes et heredibus suis de nobis et successoribus nostris Regibus Scotorum in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . vnum denarium argenti super prefato Monte Castri ad Festum Penthecostes nomine albefirme si petatur tantum Insuper pro nobis et successoribus nostris committimus potestatem plenariam et licentiam specialem sibi Johanni et heredibus suis edificandi et sustinendi super dicto Monte Castri et *le Stede* vnum castrum turrim seu fortalitium prout eis magis videbitur expediens conueniens et optimum in altitudine et latitudine cum propugnaculis videlicet *barmkyn* et *le machcolin* pontibus veheticis videlicet *le drawbriggis* portis ferreis ac omnibus aliis necessarijs Necnon constabularios janitores vigiles carcerum custodes ac omnes alios officarios pro dicti castri custodia necessarios substituendi faciendi et deputandi In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Edinburgh vicesimo sexto die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo nono et regni nostri vicesimo primo .

Carta Petro de Grame.¹ —(A.D. 1351.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Hugo de Rosse filius quondam Domini Hugonis de Rosse comitis eiusdem salutem eternam in Domino . Noueritis vniuersi nos dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse karissimo avunculo nostro Petro de Grame pro seruicio suo fideli nobis impenso et impendendo terras nostras de Scaterdy et de Bath in Buchania infra tenementum de Kynnedor existentes cum pertinenciis suis quibuscunque per omnes metas suas antiquas et rectas diuisas Tenendas et

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Philorth.]

habendas dicto Petro avunculo nostro et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris in perpetuum in feodo et hereditate . . . Reddendo inde annuatim nobis et heredibus nostris ipse Petrus et heredes sui unum par cerotecarum ad terminum Pentecostes si petatur nomine albe firme . . . et faciendo domino nostro Regi seruicium inde debitum et consuetum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum vna cum sigillo domini nostri reuerendi domini fratris nostri Willelmi comitis de Rosse domini de Sky presenti carte nostre fecimus apponi apud Kynnedor penultimo die mensis Marcii anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo}. quinquagesimo primo coram hiis testibus venerabilibus viris et discretis Fratre Donaldo Dei gratia abbate de Feryn Dompno Roberto priore de Bello Loco Johanne de Haya Adam de Vrchard Willelmo M . . . Willelmo de Morauia et multis aliis .

Carta Alexandro Fraser de Philorth.¹ —(A.D. 1471.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Joannes de Yll comes Rossie et baro de Kinedwart . . . salutem Noueritis nos dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto consanguineo nostro Alexandro Fraser de Philorth omnes et singulas terras nostras de Skatterty cum pertinentiis jacentes in baronia nostra de Kineduart infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene Quequidem terre cum pertinentiis fuerunt quondam Thome Grayme et quas idem . . . in manus nostras . . . apud castrum de Crombachty . . . simpliciter resignauit . . . Tenendas . . . predicto Alexandro Fraser et heredibus suis et suis assignatis de nobis heredibus nostris et successoribus in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et heredibus nostris ac successoribus baronibus de Kinedward de predictis terris de Skatterty cum pertinentiis vnum denarium argenti nomine albe firme apud vetus castrum nostrum de Kinedward in Festo Penticostes si petatur tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presenti carte nostre appendi fecimus apud castrum nostrum de Dingwall quarto die mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo primo His testibus Hugone de Insulis fratre nostro . . . Lachlano . . . Mackgilleoun senes-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Philorth.]

callo domus nostre Alexandro M^eKennye de Kintail Lachlano Fingone de Moschreig et Ewgenio Donaldi M^eKgilleoun et diversis aliis in testimonium vocatis .

Sasine on Skatterty.¹ —(A.D. 1471.)

Till al and sindry to whom it effairis to quhois knowledg thir present lettres sall to cum Alexander Fraser greiting in God ay lasting Wit yhur uniuersitie that at the command of an nobill and myghty lord Jhone erll of Ross and lord of the Yllis I passit to the lands of Skatterty and efter the tenor of his precept to me drectit thairwpon I gawe heritable stait and possessione of the said lands of Scattertie to ane honorabill man Alexander Fraser of Philorth knycht with eard and stean efter the form of his chartour maid to him thairvpon be the said Lord saifand ilk manis richt and this stait and possessione I gawe in maner and form befor wretten the tent day of the moneth of Nowember the yeir of God M. cccc. lxxj. yeiris In witnes of the quhilk thing I hawe put to my seall day and plaic befor wreten befor thir witnes quhilk was at the seasing giwing Jhone Mortimer Maister Jhone the Was notter Sir Jhon Smithe Rob Duncan with wthairis sundrie .

Letter of Procuratory to redeem Skatterty Byth and Blakwod.¹ —(A.D. 1474.)

Be it kend till all men be thir present letteris me Thomas Grayme to haw maid . . . my weilbelowit Alexander [Fraser] of Philorth knycht his airis and assignayis my deputis and assignayis lawfull in that part . . . to . . . frie and redeim all and sundry my landis of Skatterty Byth and Blakwod with ther pertinentis owt of the handis of ane honorabill man James Gordowne and his airis with all and sundry wther landis annuall rentis walssetis formmalingis pertening or may perten to me of ressone and law for all wthair sowmes of silwer to preoffer and pey warning to

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Philorth.]

mak protestationis and instrumentis therwpon to tak letteris of rewer-
sione to schaw quytclaimis to giw and generally all and sundry wthair
thingis to do in the redeiming of my forsaid landis and all wthir wod-
setingis formmalingis and annuall rentis that I may do and I war bodely
present in proper persone Haldand and for to hald firm and stable quhat-
sumewir thingis my forsaidis deputis and assigneyis leidis lawfully to be
done in my naim in the forsaid thingis In witnes of the quhilk thing my
sell is to appensit at Skatterty the twalt day of July the yeir of God ane
thowsane fowr hundreth sewinty fowr yeiris .

Confirmatio Regis Alexandro Dunbare de Westfeld. ¹ —(A.D. 1476.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxvi. Martii . j^m. cccc. lxxvi. . Rex confirmavit
Alexandro Dunbare de Westfeld militi et heredibus suis terras de Bythe
et Skattirdy in baronia de Kynedward infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene
Quas terras ipse Alexander tenuit de Johanne olim comite Rossie ante
forisfacturam in Parlamento productam et quas dictus Alexander post
productionem dicte forisfacture personaliter resignavit . Tenendas de
Rege in feodo . Faciendo et reddendo tres sectas etc. vicecomitatus de
Abirdene et wardam etc. . Testibus Johanne episcopo Glasguensi Willel-
mo episcopo Orchadensi Andrea domino Avandale Colino comite de Ergile
David comite Craufurdie Jacobo domino Hammiltoune Johanne de Cul-
quhone Magistro Willelmo Scheves archidiacono Sancti Andree .

De jure possessionis terrarum de Byth et Skatterty. ² —(A.D. 1476.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat evidenter quod anno ab incar-
natione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo sexto mense
vero Septembris die vndecima . . . coram venerabilibus et discretis
viris Magistris Recardo Forbes decano Aberdonensi et Alexandro Waus
officiali eiusdem ac vicariis generalibus . . . Domini Thome . . . epis-
copi Aberdonensis meique notarii publici et testium subscriptorum

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. vii., no. 343, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Philorth.]

presentia personaliter comparuit honorabilis vir Thomas Grayme de Skatterdie . . . citatus et vocatus ad instantiam nobilis viri Alexandri Fraser de Philorth militis per discretum virum Magistrum Alexandrum Fraser procuratorem et proloquitorem dicti Domini Alexandri Fraser de fidelitate et veritate eiusdem Alexandri penes suam infeodationem in et ad terras de Byth et Skatterty jacentes in baronia de Kinedward infra vicecomitatum de Aberdein et jus pretensum in et ad dictas terras de Byth et Scattertie per nobilem virum Alexandrum de Dumbar de Westfelde militem interrogatus et requisitus nunc quod Thomas Grayme . . . respondendo proposuit et dixit ac tactis sacris Dei evangeliiis corporale prestitit juramentum et publice juravit quod infeodatio in et ad dictas terras de Byth et Skatterty cum pertinentiis per cartam et literam saisine per eum facta fuit dicto Domino Alexandro Fraser et totum suum jus quarundam terrarum cum pertinentiis in eundem Alexandrum Fraser translatum fuit ad tres annos cum dimedia ante quamcunque intromissionem cum dicto Alexandro de Dumbar penes dictas terras de Byth et Scattertie seu quascunque alias De et super quibus omnibus et singulis prefatus Alexander Fraser de Philorth a me notario publico subscripto sibi fieri petiit . . . instrumenta Acta erant hec in ecclesia cathedrali de Abirdene hora quasi vndecima ante meridiem . . . presentibus videlicet venerabilibus et discretis Magistris Thoma Hay Andrea Bell thesaurario Abirdonensi Vilhelmo de Philorth rectoribus Gulielmo Cuming de Cultir Jacobo Cuming Jacobo Kennedy burgensibus Aberdonensibus cum multis aliis testibus . . .

Et ego Georgius Stirling clericus Brechinensis diocesis publicus auctoritatibus Imperiali et Regali notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

Carta Gulielmo Fraser. ¹ —(A.D. 1495.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Jacobus comes Bucquanie dominus de Octerhous ac baro baronie de Kinedwart salutem in Domino sempiternam Noveritis me dedisse . . . dilecto nostro Gulielmo Fraser filio

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Philorth.]

quondam Alexandri Fraser de Philorth omnes et singulas terras nostras de Skatterty et Byth jacentes in baronia nostra de Kinedwart infra vicecomitatum de Aberdein et quequidem terre de Skatterty et Byth cum pertinentiis ad manus nostras legitime deueniunt ratione cujusdam iudicii proprietatis pretexti nostri processus deducti in curia nostra de Kinedwart pro causa pure alienationis omnium terrarum de Skatterty et Byth cum pertinentiis facte per quondam Alexandrum Fraser filio suo et Margrete Hay sponse sue heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum absque nostro consensu aut confirmatione nostra seu predecessorum nostrorum baronum dicte baronie sui superioris earundem terrarum pro quadam certa summa pecunie nobis per dictum Gulielmum pre manibus gratanter et integre persoluta etc. Reddendo si petatur tantum dicto Comiti pro omni alio onere vnum par cheroticarum ad Festum Pentecostes . Apud Edinbrught . ii. Novembris . j^m. cccc. xcv.

Rex confirmat cartam Johanni Ogilvy. ¹ —(A.D. 1506.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxv. Martii . j^m. v^c. vi. . Rex confirmavit cartam Willelmi Fraser de Phillorthe militis [in qua vendidit et alienavit Johanni Ogilvy filio Johannis Ogilvy de Myltoun heredibus suis et assignatis terras de Scattyrtie piscarias et pertinentias earundem in baronia de Kynedwarde infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene pro quadam certa summa pecunie persoluta . Reservato libero tenemento prefato Johanni patri . Testibus Waltero Ogilvy de Boyne milite Georgio Ogilvy filio ejus et apparente herede Johanne Mowate de Loscragy Patricio Gordoune de Methlik Magistro Jacobo Curroure et Thoma Wallas capellano notario publico . Apud Banff . xx. Februarii . j^m. v^c. v.]

Carta Regis Ade de Urchard. ² —(A.D. 1357.)

Dauid Dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 195, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Meldrum.]

sue clericis et laicis ad quos presentes litere peruenerint salutem Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto et fideli nostro Ade de Wrchard pro fideli seruicio suo nobis impenso totum vicecomitatum de Crumbathy cum pertinenciis suis vna cum curia et officio vicecomitatus ibidem in quibus dilectus consanguineus noster Willelmus comes de Ross et Ricardus de Monte Alto capellanus filius et heres Willelmi de Monte Alto militis asseruerunt se per diuersa feofamenta ex dono progenitorum nostrorum jus habere Quemquidem vicecomitatum cum pertinenciis suis et iuribus ipsius vniuersalibus vtraque persona . . . cum integritate resignauit sicut litere sue resignatorie exinde confecte clarius propoſtant et testantur Tenendum et habendum predicto Ade et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris . . . cum incolis et natiuis et libere tenentibus eiusdem vna cum officio et libera curia vicecomitatus ac cum omnibus libertatibus . . . ad dictum vicecomitatum nunc pertinentibus . . . Faciendo inde dictus Adam et heredes sui sectam ad curiam iusticiarie nostre de Inuernes et faciendo nobis et heredibus [nostris] seruicium Scoticanum quantum ad tantam terram pertinet . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum fecimus apponi hiis [testibus] venerabilibus in Christo patribus ac Dominis Wilelmo episcopo Sancti Andree Patricio episcopo [Brechinensi] cancellario nostro Allexandro episcopo Rossensi Roberto senescallo Scocie comite de Stratheryn Roberto de Erskyne Roberto de Lawedyr militibus ac multis aliis apud Sconam decimo octauo die mensis Nouembris anno regni nostri vicesimo nono .

Carta Domini de Fylorth Ade de Wrchard.¹ —(A.D. 1365.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Hugo de Rosse dominus de Fylorth filius Domini Hugonis quondam comitis de Rosse eternam in Domino salutem Sciatis vniuersi nos dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto consanguineo nostro Ade de Wrchard vicecomiti de Crombathy et heredibus suis totam terram nostram de Fohesterdy in

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Meldrum, collated with the Registrum Magni Sigilli, p. 64, no. 205. The grant was confirmed by King David II. at Montrose, on the eighth of December, 1370.—(Id.)]

Buchania infra balliam de Kynnedor existentem cum le Fortyr eiusdem quod dicitur Clochorby cum pertinenciis earundem vniuersis Tenendam et habendam predicto Ade et heredibus suis de nobis et heredibus nostris inperpetuum in feodo et hereditate . . . Reddendo inde nobis et heredibus nostris ipse Adam et heredes sui vnum denarium argenti nomine albe firme tantum ad Pentecosten si petatur . . . et faciendo domino nostro Regi forinsecum seruicium inde quantum pertinet et debetur . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presenti carte nostre fecimus apponi apud manerium nostrum de Cowlenys primo die Julii anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo sexagesimo quinto coram hiis testibus reuerendo patre in Christo et domino Domino Alexandro Dei gratia episcopo Rossensi Fratre Donaldo eadem gratia abbate Noue Ferine discreto viro Magistro Thoma de Wrchard archidiacono Rossensi Roberto de Munro Thoma de Dynguale balliuis domini Comititis de Rosse fratris nostri et pluribus aliis .

Confirmatio Comititis de Ross Ade de Vrchard. ¹ —(A.D. 1366.)

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris . . . Willelmus comes de Rosse ac dominus de Sky filius et heres Domini Hugonis quondam comitis de Rosse salutem in Domino sempiternam Sciatis nos vidisse . . . cartam karissimi fratris nostri Hugonis de Rosse domini de Fylorth super terris de Fohesterdy et le Fortyre eiusdem quod dicitur Clochorby cum pertinenciis earundem in Buchania infra balliam de Kynnedore existentibus confectam et concessam dilecto consanguineo nostro Ade de Vrchard vicecomiti de Crombathy non . . . in aliqua sui parte viciatam . . . Quamquidem vero cartam . . . in omnibus . . . inperpetuum confirmamus In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto confirmationis nostre sigillum nostrum autenticum fecimus apponi Hiis testibus venerabile patre nostro in Christo Domino Alexandro Dei gratia Rossensi episcopo Fratre Donaldo eadem gratia abbate Noue Ferine Hugone de Rosse fratre nostro supradicto Johanne de Hay consanguineo nostro Domino Roberto de Chesholme milite Roberto de Munro Thoma de Dynguale Henrico

[Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Meldrum.]

Senescalli Johanne de Tarres camerario nostro Willelmo de Clyne et multis aliis apud castrum nostrum de Dyngvale vicesimo primo die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo sexagesimo sexto .

Concessio Regis Alexandro Urquhart de Crommerty.¹ —(A.D. 1503.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxv. Augusti . j^m. v^o. iii. . Rex (quia licet terre et baronia de Kynedward cum tenentibus etc. infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene per Dominos Consilii Regi pertinere adjudicantur tanquam heredi quondam Johannis comitis Buchanie baronis de Kynedward et nolens aliquod dampnum generari Magistro Alexandro Urquhart de Crommerty in terris subscriptis per ipsum de dicto barone tentis) concessit et quitteclamavit dicto Magistro Alexandro Urquhart de Crommerty et heredibus suis terras de Fechrie et Clochquhorby in baronia de Kynnedward infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas dictus Magister Alexander in manibus Regis tanquam baronis moderni de Kynnedward resignavit Reddendo annuatim tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia dicti vicecomitatus necnon wardam relevium et maritagium cum contigerint .

Inquisicio Thome Urquhard.² —(A.D. 1506.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Wattertone vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi eiusdem in curia vicecomitatus eiusdem pro tribunali sedente vicesimo septimo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexto per subscriptos videlicet Thomam Fraser de Stanyvood Willelmum Craufurd de Federay Johannem Mowat de Loscragy Willelmum Turing de Foverne Alexandrum Skene de eodem Jacobum Cheyne de Straloch Johanne Ross de Auchlossin Alexandrum Tulloche de Moncoffir Robertum Burnat de Balmad Johannem Forbes de Echt Alexandrum Johnstone de eodem Johannem Gardin de Latheris Ronaldum

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 2, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [From the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

Oudny filium et heredem apparentem Willelmi Oudny de eodem Andream Crag de Cragesfintra et Alexandrum Caldour de Sonnaherd Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Magister Alexander Urquhard vicecomes de Cromerty pater Thome Urquhard latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Fechry et Clichquhorby cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in baronia de Kynnedward infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Thomas est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Magistri patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum quadraginta marcas et valuerunt viginti marcas tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege faciendo tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia vicecomitatus de Aberdene ac wardam releuium et maritagium Et nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per quinque terminos racione warde per decessum dicti quondam Magistri Alexandri qui obiit vicesimo die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quarto .

Preceptum sasine Domini de Philorth.¹ —(A.D. 1411.)

Preceptum per Willelmum Fraser dominum de Philorth amico suo Johanni de Inchemartyn canonico Aberdonensi ballivo suo in hac parte ad infeoffandum dilectum et specialem suum Alexandrum de Forbes militem dominum ejusdem in terris de Mykil Fyntra cum dimidia parte de Tulumald Blactoun cum ly Smythill Miltoun de Kynnedwart Belcors et uno annuo redditu decem solidorum ville de Edane in baronia de Kynedwart infra vicecomitatum de Aberden . In testimonium possessionis tradite sigillo ballivi in secunda cauda apposito . Apud Aberden ultimo Octobris . j^m. cccc. xi.

De sasina super terris de Fyntra.¹ —(A.D. 1453.)

Instrumentum notarii super requisitionem per nobilem et potentem

¹ [Noted from the original in the charter chest at Castle Forbes.]

dominum Dominum Jacobum de Forbes de eodem militem saisine in terris de Fyntra super preceptum regium a Waltero Stewart ballivo legitimo baronie de Kynedwart sub magnifico et potente domino Domino Comite de Ros ac domino Insularum et super negationem per dictum ballivum dare possessionem "quia dicebat se non talem habere potestatem:" attornato Domini de Forbes protestante ne verteret ad aliquod prejudicium domino suo penes firmas dictarum terrarum levandas. In orto de Drumyn . xvij. Maii . j^m. cccc. liij.

Rental of Lord Forbes' lands.¹ —(A.D. 1552.)

Kynedward :—

Blaktone—2 ploughs, 1 tenant. Rent—28 bolls victual.

Mill of Kynedward, with the mill lands—1 tenant. Rent—28 bolls victual, 1 swine, — capons.

Tullemald—1 plough, 2 tenants. Rent—£5 6s. 8d.; 2 wedders, 6 score haddocks, 12 keling. Grassum—£5 6s. 8d.

Stroquhary pays yeirlie to my Lord 10s. annuale.

Confirmatio Regia Willelmo Meldrum de Fivoe ejusque sponse.² —(A.D. 1503.)

Apud Edinburghe . xi. Julii . j^m. v^o. iii. . Rex (quia terre et baronia de Kynedward cum tenentibus etc. earundem infra vicecomitatum de Abir-

¹ [Noted from the original in the charter chest at Castle Forbes.

In the year 1589, William, lord Forbes, granted a feu charter to his lawful son, Abraham Forbes, and his heirs male, whom failing, to return to Lord Forbes and his heirs, of the lands of Blaktoun and Badintoy in the parish of Kinedward and lordship of Fintray, before these among other witnesses, James Forbes of Fechill, and Robert Forbes of Monymusk, his lawful sons.—(Original in the charter chest at Duff House.)]

² [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 44, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

dene per Dominos Consilii sibi adjudicantur pertinere tanquam heredi quondam Johannis comitis Buchanie et nolens quod dampnum Willelmo Meldrum de Fivie et Elizabetha Berclay ejus sponse in terris subscriptis per ipsos de dicto Comite tentis generetur) confirmavit dictis Willelmo Meldrum et Elizabetha Berclay sponse sue et eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus masculis inter ipsos procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Willelmi quibuscunque terras de Edane cum molendino earundem terras de Auchindoll Strathgary et Fortree de Auchnamonze in baronia de Kynedward infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas dicti Willelmus et Elizabetha resignaverunt. Reddendo annuatim Regibus Scocie tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia vicecomitatus de Abirdene unacum wardis releviis et maritagiiis cum contigerint.

Inquisicio Thome Meldrum.¹ — (A.D. 1508.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene vicesimo tercio die mensis Maij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octauo coram honorabilibus viris Gilberto Menzheis et Johanne Mar vicecomitis deputatis de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Abirdene pro tribunali sedentibus per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Iruyne de Drum Gilbertum Hay de Ardendracht milites Waltherum Berclay de Tolly Thomam Fraser de Stanywod Johannem Movat de Loscragy Henricum Forbes de Kynnellor Alexandrum Cummin de Cultir Willelmum Turing de Foverne Willelmum Johnestoun de Crichmond Alexandrum Wyntone de Andat Willelmum Buchane de Auchmacoy Alexandrum Gordoun de Kennerty Willelmum King de Bourty Willelmum Blakhall de Barrouche de Bourty et Alexandrum Coupland de Vthaw Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Willelmus Meldrum de Fiwe pater Thome Meldrum latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Edan cum molendino earundem cum suis pertinenciis de terris de Auchinoule Strathgary et Fortere de Auchmunyochne cum suis pertinen-

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

ciis jacentibus in baronia de Kynneduard infra dictum vicecomitatum de Abirdene Et quod dictus Thomas est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Willelmi patris sui de dictis terris et molendino cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre et molendinum cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum triginta septem marcas et valuerunt viginti marcas tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium varde et releuij et maritagij faciendo annuatim tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia dicti vicecomitatus de Abirdene Et quod dicte terre et molendinum cum suis pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus suppremi domini nostri Regis legitime per seipsum ob decessum quondam Elizibeth Berclay relicte quondam Willelmi Meldrum coniunctam infeodacionem dictarum terrarum et molendini habentis per spacium quatuor mensium aut eocirca in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis Datum et clausum sub sigillo officij dictorum vicecomitis deputatorum ac sigillis quorundam eorum qui huic inquisitioni intererant faciente anno die mense et loco prenotatis .

Concessio Regis Roberto Burnet de Balmade. ¹ —(A.D. 1503.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxv. August . j^m. v^c. iii. . Rex (quia terre et baronia de Kynedward cum tenentibus etc. infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene per Dominos Consilii in manibus Regis tanquam heredis quondam Johannis comitis Buchanie adjudicantur pertinere et nolens dampnum aliquod seu prejudicium Roberto Burnat de Balmade generari) concessit et quitteclamavit dicto Roberto Burnat de Balmade et heredibus suis terras de Balmade in baronia de Kynedward infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Quequidem terre fuerunt dicti Roberti hereditarie et quas idem Robertus in manibus Regis tanquam moderni baronis de Kynedward personaliter resignavit . Reddendo annuatim Scotorum Regibus tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia vicecomitatus de Abirdene necnon wardam relevium et maritagium cum contigerint .

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 1., MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

Confirmatio Regis Patricio Berclay ejusque sponse.¹ —(A.D. 1506.)

Apud Edinburghe . viii. Januarii . j^m. v^o. v. . Rex confirmavit Patricio Berclay de Grantuly et Elizabethe Arbuthnot eius sponse et eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus suis inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquieribus heredibus dicti Patricii quibuscunque dimedietatem terrarum de Moncoffir cum piscariis aque de Doverne in baronia de Kynedward infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Quequidem dimedietas fuit dicti Patricii hereditarie tanquam una libera tenandria dicte baronie olim de barone ejusdem tenta et nunc in manibus Regis existens per resignacionem dicti Patricii Ac dicta baronia Regi pertinere adjudicata fuit tanquam heredi Johannis comitis Buchanie et concessit Rex totum suum jus etc. in et ad dictam dimedietatem etc. . Reddendo annuatim Regi tres sectas curie vicecomitatus de Abirdene ac wardam etc. cum contigerint .

Concessio Regis Magistro Willelmo Ogilvy.² —(A.D. 1506.)

Apud Edinburghe . xx. Januarii . j^m. v^o. v. . Rex quia terre et baronia de Kinedwart per Consilii sui Dominos adjudicantur sibi pertinere et in manibus suis existere tanquam heredis Johannis comitis Buchanie baronis de Kynedwart et pro bono et gratuito servicio ac pro compositione thesaurario Regis facto etc. concessit familiari suo Magistro Willelmo Ogilvy filio Walteri Ogilvy de Boyne militis et heredibus suis terras de Gowny infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Reddendo annuatim unam sectam ad primum placitum capitale curie vicecomitatus de Aberdene necnon wardam relevium et maritagium cum contigerint .

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 189, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin. The procuratory of resignation, on which this grant proceeds, is dated the first day of November, 1505; Andrew Elphinstone of Selmys and others being the procurators. George Abircrommy of Petmeddane is among the witnesses.—(Notary's Protocol, entitled "Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen," vol. iii., MS.)]

² [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiv., no. 185, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

THE PARISH OF GAMERY.¹

Contractus inter Archebaldum Rat de Drumtochty et Georgium Forbes de Auchintoul.²—(A.D. 1488.)

Xi^o die Marcii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo septimo . . . plenarie appunctuatum fuit inter Archebaldum Rat de Drumtochty ex una et Georgium Forbes de Auchintoul partibus ab altera in modo forma et effectu sequentibus videlicet Dictus Georgius diuina fauente clementia prefato Archebaldo summam triscentum et quadraginta mercarum usualis monete Scotie fideliter soluet ad terminos sequentes in capitulo Fratrum Predicatorum de Abirden videlicet triscentum et viginti mercas octauo die immediate Festum Beati Bartholomei Apostoli proxime sequenti infra solis ortum et occasum eiusdem et viginti marcas in Festo Sancti Martini immediate sequente Pro qua summa fideliter soluenda ut

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 488-492, and Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the same shires, vol. ii., pp. 363-372.]

In the year 1511, George, bishop of the Isles, and commendator of Arbroath and Yona, leased the teind sheaves of the church of Gamery to Patrick Stewart of Kathdrum, and Ysabella Mowat his wife, for nineteen years, at the yearly rent of £43 6s. 8d. Scots.—(Registrum Recentius Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 408.) In the year 1528, a lease for nineteen years, beginning in 1580, of these teinds was granted to Walter Ogiluy of Monicabok, George Ogiluy, and Alexander Ogiluy, his natural sons, and to John Ogiluy son and heir of the deceased Sir William Ogiluy of Pette, knight, for payment of the same rent.—(Id., p. 487.) In the year 1518, on the death of Mr. John Boidyenocho, Mr. Henry Preston was presented to the church of Gamery by the Abbot of Arbroath.—(Id., p. 421.) In the year 1527, Mr. James Johnston was nominated successor to Mr. Alexander Hepburn in this church.—(Id., p. 462.) Again in May, 1528, Mr. John Cockburn, clerk, was nominated successor to Mr. Alexander Hepburn.—(Id., p. 481.) Prior to the year 1360, Andrew of Berclay, lord of Garntuly, gave to Jonet of Berclay, the widow of John of Monymous, knight, the land of Melros, with the mill and pertinents, in satisfaction of any claims she might have by right of conquest to lands acquired by John of Berclay, her father, to be held by her, and the two daughters of Sir John of Monimous, for yearly payment of a penny at Doune.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. ii., p. 281.) On the twenty-seventh day of April, 1642, John, earl of Rothes, was served heir of John, earl of Rothes, his father, in the half of the lands and earldom of Buchan, comprehending the half of the lands, barony, and thanage of Glendowachie and other lands, lying in the sheriffdoms of Aberdeen, Banff, and Forfar, all united into the earldom of Buchane.—(Inquisitiones Speciales vicecomitatus Aberdonensis, no. 261.)]

² [Abridged from the Notary's Protocol, entitled "Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen," vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

premissum est predictus Archebaldus infeodabit dictum Georgium aut aliquem filiorum suorum ad suum beneplacitum in . . . tertiis partibus terrarum de Pratistone Crove et Hannyhil cum pertinentiis jacentium in baronia de Troup infra vicecomitatum de Banff ac in totis tertiis suis terrarum de Munane et Dradleane cum suis pertinentiis jacentium in baronia de Doun infra vicecomitatum de Banf per cartas et sasinas siue resignationes in uberiore forma siue in generalibus Tenendis de dominis superioribus earundem prout idem Archebaldus easdem tenet Dictus tamen Georgius recuperabit benevolentiam Comitis Buchanie domini superioris cuiusdam partis earundem suis laboribus et expensis Et dictus Archebaldus recuperabit benevolentiam Domini Comitis Marescalli domini superioris alterius partis earundem sed dictus Georgius soluet dicto Domino Marescalli summam unius anni terrarum de nouo tentarum pro introitu filii sui ad easdem Insuper dictus Archebaldus non impediet . . . introitum dicti Georgii aut filii sui ad terras tentas de Comite Buchanie Insuper dictus Georgius dabit sufficientem reuersionem dictarum terrarum . . . Ac prius frangere contingens istam conventionem siue contractum alteri parti conseruanti summam centum librarum monete Scotie pro dampnis et expensis soluet Ad que omnia premissa fideliter obseruanda uterque pars alteri fide media per manus dextre ostensionem obligatur fraude et dolo semotis Acta infra burgum de Abirden in hospitio Alexandri Chamer de Schipraw hora quasi secunda post meridiem Testibus Alexandro Skene de eodem Roberto Raite filio suo et herede apparente dicto Alexandro Chamer et Willelmo Mar Super quibus dicte partes petierunt instrumenta .

The first chartour of the landis of Troup gevin out be the Erll Merschell to his secund sone.¹ —(A.D. 1494.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Willelmus comes Marescalli ac dominus de Ketht . . . salutem Noueritis nos filiali zelo affectione et

¹ [Abridged from the Notary's Protocol, entitled "Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen," vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

The grant was confirmed by the King on the twenty-seventh day of April, 1494.—(Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xlii., no. 122, MS.) The charter as there engrossed varies in some not material respects from the Notary's draft printed in the text.]

amore dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse predilecto filio nostro secundario Willelmo Ketht omnes et singulas terras nostras baronie nostre de Troupe unacum tenendriis eiusdem ac suis pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum de Banff pro fidelibus seruitiis et homagiis suis nobis per ipsum et heredes suos masculos de corpore suo legitime procreandos quibus forte deficientibus per Gilbertum Ketht suum fratrem germanum et heredes suos masculos de corpore suo legitime procreandos nobis et heredibus nostris fideliter impendendis Tenendas . . . prefato Willelmo Ketht filio nostro secundario et heredibus masculis de corpore suo legitime procreandis quibus forte deficientibus Gilberto Ketht fratri suo germano et heredibus masculis de corpore suo legitime procreandis hoc nomen Ketht gerentibus a nobis et heredibus nostris de suppremo domino nostro Rege in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum quibus forte deficientibus nobis et heredibus nostris propinquioribus legitimis hoc nomen Ketht gerentibus quibuscunque reuertendas . . . Faciendo inde . . . suppremo domino nostro Regi et suis successoribus seruitium forinsecum de predictis terris debitum et consuetum quantum pertinet ad easdem tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum est appensum apud Dunnottar tertio die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo tertio coram honorabilibus viris Alexandro Iruyn de Drum Willelmo Frasser de Durris Roberto Arbuthnot de eodem Georgio Falconer filio et herede apparente domini de Haukartstone Domino Roberto Martyne vicario de Garuok Willelmo de Camera Alexandro Sibbald Alexandro Forbes scutiferis nostris et Domino Johanne Stirueling presbytero ac notario publico .

Inquisitio Patricij Barclay de Tolly.¹ —(A.D. 1587.)

Hec inquisitio legitime facta fuit in curia Vicecomitis de Banff tenta in pretorio eiusdem per honorabilem virum Archibaldum Dempster de Halcevaillis vicecomitis deputatum dicti vicecomitatus pro tribunali sedentem sexto die mensis Marcij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octuagesi-

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

mo sexto per hos probos patrie subscriptos videlicet Dominum Walterum Ogilwie de Findlater militem Patricium Cheyne de Essilmont Dominum Georgium Ogilwie de Dunlugus militem Jacobum Stewart de Ryland Joannem Vrqhart de Culbo Joannem Mortimer de Auchinbady Patricium Conn de Auchrie Duncanum Forbes de Bytht Magistrum Gilbertum Cheyne de Crowie Georgium Bard de Auchmeddin Jacobum Hay in Culphin Arthurum Vrqhart in Blaktoun Willelmum Barclay apud molen-
dinum de Sidgot Alexandrum Dumber apparentem de Tarbat et Robertum Pettindreycht de eodem Qui jurati dicunt magno sacramento interveniente quod quondam Walterus Barclay de Towie pater Patricij Barclay latoris presencium obijt ad fidem et pacem Supremi Domini nostri Jacobi Sexti Dei gratia Scotorum Regis Et quod dictus Patricius Barclay est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Walteri sui patris Et quod est legitime etatis Et quia dictus Patricius Barclay in sua petitione nullas petijt terras siue annuos redditus in specie ideo cetera brevis clausule in se remanent indeseruite Datum et clausum sub sigillo officij dicti Vicecomitis necnon sub sigillis quorundam eorum qui dicte inquisitioni intererant faciende anno et die prenotatis .

Hec est vera copia principalis retornatus super premissis in Cancellaria S. D. N. Regis remanentis copiata et collationata per me Magistrum Robertum Scot scribam ac eiusdem Cancellarie directorem sub meis signo et subscriptione manualibus .

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THE PARISH OF FYVIE.¹

Carta Reginaldi le Cheen de terra de Ardlogy et de Lethendy.² —(A.D. 1285.)

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis has litteras visuris vel audituris

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 498-505, and Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the same shires, vol. II., pp. 326-336.]

² [From the Registrum Vetus Abacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 166.]

At Kirkwall in Orkney, on the twentieth day of January, 1365, Barnard of Rowle, lord of Foleroule, resigned the lands of Foleroule in the hands of Hugh of Ross, lord of Fylorthe,

Reginaldus le Chen pater salutem eternam in Domino Noueritis me pro salute anime mee et animarum antecessorum et successorum meorum dedisse concessisse et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse Deo et ecclesie Sancti Thome Martiris de Abirbrothoc et monachis dicti monasterii in domo religiosa constructa in terra de Ardlogy prope ecclesiam Sancti Petri de Fyvyn commorantibus ac ibidem Deo seruientibus et in posterum seruituris totam terram de Ardlogy et de Lenthendy cum pertinentiis aysiamentis et libertatibus ad dictam terram spectantibus vel aliquo tempore spectare valentibus in puram et perpetuam elimosinam . Tenendam et habendam dictis religiosis et successoribus suis de me et heredibus meis adeo libere plenarie quiete et honorifice sicut aliqui religiosi aliquam terram elimosinatam in regno Scocie liberius quocius et honorificencius ab aliquo barone tenent et possident Ego vero predictus Reginaldus et heredes mei dictas terras ut premissum est dictis religiosis contra omnes homines et feminas warandizabimus in perpetuum et defendemus necnon pro eisdem terris pro omni seculari actione consuetudine et demanda respondebimus Et si contingat quod absit me vel heredes meos vel aliquem heredum meorum contra premissa in toto vel in parte de facto vel de iure venire volo et concedo pro me et heredibus meis quod Episcopi Abir-donensis et Sancti Andree et eorum Officiales qui pro tempore fuerint vel eorundem Episcoporum vel Officialium alter possint vel possit me et heredes meos ad obseruacionem omnium et singulorum premissorum per censuram ecclesiasticam sine strepitu iudiciali compellere et cohercere Et ut ista donacio mea stabilis et rata permaneant sigillum meum et sigillum Domini Reginaldi le Chen filii mei et heredis presentibus sunt ap-

who, afterwards, granted them, with consent of William, earl of Ross and lord of Sky, his brother, to Adam Pingle, burgess of Aberdeen.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. 1., pp. 106, 107.) Adam Fyngle, on the twentieth day of August, 1876, gave these lands to the cathedral church of St. Mary of Aberdeen, for the support of a chaplain performing religious services for the souls of the founder, of his wife, and of Alexander, bishop of Aberdeen. In case of any failure in the rents of these lands, and in order to increase the salary of the chaplain, the founder, with consent of Marjory of Blackwater, his wife, exchanged his mill of Folethroule with the multures, and the adjacent land, with the water course, and also a piece of arable land in the lands of Folethblakwatre, for the lands of Little Badochayse in the shire of Rayne, previously belonging to the Bishop and Chapter. The chaplain thus endowed was to serve at the new altar to be erected by the Bishop in the south corner of the church.—(Id., vol. 1., pp. 108, 109.) On the nineteenth day of February, 1508-4, Bishop Elphinstoun assigned an annuity of six merks from the lands of Petty, in the barony of Formartyne, to the students of theology in his New College of the University of Aberdeen.—(Fasti Aberdonenses, p. 46.)]

pensa ac ad maiorem rei euidenciam et cautelam sigilla venerabilium patrum Dominorum Aberdonensis et Sancti Andree Episcoporum eisdem presentibus apponi procuravi . Datum apud Abirden die Jouis in Festo Sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno gratie M. cc^o. octogesimo quinto .

Ordinacio Henrici episcopi Aberdonensis super vicario de Fyvyn.¹ —
(A.D. 1285.)

Omnibus sancte matris ecclesie filiis ad quos presens scriptum peruenit Henricus permissione diuina Abirdonensis ecclesie minister humilis salutem in Domino sempiternam Noueritis uniuersi quod cum vicaria ecclesie de Fyvyn vacaret per resignacionem Domini Ferchardi eiusdem ecclesie vicarii Nos unanimi et communi consilio et assensu tocius capituli nostri ad instanciam religiosorum virorum Abbatis et Conuentus de Abirbrothoc ad quos presentacio huiusmodi vicarie hactenus de jure et consuetudine spectabat de predicta vicaria in forma que sequitur ad diuinum cultum ampliandum ordinasse ac ipsam ordinacionem auctoritate nostra ordinaria confirmasse videlicet quod viri religiosi de Abirbrothoc ordinis Sancti Benedicti Sancti Andree dioceseos in domo religiosa in terra de Ardlogy iuxta ecclesiam Sancti Petri de Fyvyn constructa perpetuo Deo seruientes et seruituri quam nobilis vir Dominus Reginaldus le Chen pater fundauit in honore Domini Jhesu Christi et Beate Marie Virginis et omnium Sanctorum ac pro salute anime sue antecessorum et successorum suorum habeant et possideant redditus et prouentus uniuersos predictae vicarie de Fyvyn in usus proprios conuertendos cum omnibus iuribus oblacionibus et obuencionibus ad dictam vicariam pertinentibus Et ne predicta ecclesia Sancti Petri de Fyvyn suis debitis et consuetis defraudetur obsequiis volumus et ordinamus quod ibidem sit unus capellanus perpetuus qui parochiam die noctuque cum necesse fuerit circumeat ac parochianis sacramenta ecclesiastica ministret Quiquidem capellanus per religiosos ibidem commorantes Episcopo qui pro tempore fuerit presentatus ac per eundem admissus de manu eiusdem curam animarum suscipiat ac eidem de spiritualibus respondeat et

¹ [From the Registrum Vetus Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 167]

per manus religiosorum in dicta domo conuersancium singulis annis centum solidos percipiet quibus sit contentus eo quod nullum onus ordinarium seu extraordinarium sustinebit Et quia in dubium reuocamus utrum predictus capellanus ad predicta onera implenda per se sufficiat necne volumus et ordinamus quod predicti religiosi alium ibidem inueniant capellanum in premissis et quolibet premissorum capellanum antedictum coadiuuante . Ad hec predicti religiosi omnia onera ordinaria et extraordinaria que ad dictam vicariam pertinent in perpetuum sustinebunt . Et ut hec omnia et singula supradicta rata et firma in perpetuum remaneant sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo capituli nostri et cum communi sigillo Abbatis et Conuentus de Abirbrothoc presentibus est appensum . Datum apud Abirden in Festo Sancti Luce Ewangeliste anno gratie M^o cc^o octogesimo quinto .

Littera custodie domus nostre Fywyn. ¹ —(A.D. 1323.)

Uniuersis Christi fidelibus ad quorum noticiam presentes littere peruenierint Frater Bernardus permissione diuina abbas de Aberbrothoc salutem in Domino sempiternam . Vniuersitati vestre notum facimus per presentes quod nos de consilio et expresso consensu conuentus nostri commisimus curam et custodiam domus nostre de Fyvyn Aberdonensis diocesis quatinus ad nos in spiritualibus et temporalibus spectare dinoscitur dilecto socio et monacho nostro Domino Albertino exhibitori presencium litterarum . Quare mandamus omnibus parrochianis nostris et omnibus aliis quorum interest quatinus dicto Albertino tanquam custodi dicte domus sint intendentes et respondentes consulentes et auxiliantes precibus nostris et amore In cuius rei testimonium presentibus litteris sigillum officii nostri fecimus apponi Datum apud Aberbrothoc die Veneris in Festo Sancti Martini in hyeme anno gratie millesimo tricentesimo vicesimo tercio .

Recognitio super diuisis de Ardlogy et Fyvyne. ² —(A.D. 1325.)

Omnibus has litteras visuris vel audituris Johannes Drimmyng vice-

¹ [From the Registrum Vetus Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 307.]

² [Ibid., p. 311.]

comes de Abirdene ac locumtenens nobilis viri Domini Alexandri Fraser camerarii Scocie salutem in Domino sempiternam . Noueritis nos die Lune proxima post Festum Sancti Bartholomei Apostoli anno gracie millesimo trecentesimo vicesimo quinto super moram iuxta Parcum de Fyvyne recepisse breue domini nostri Regis super diuisis terre de Ardlogy que est religiosorum virorum Dominorum Abbatis et Conuentus de Abirbrothoc et Parci domini nostri Regis in hec verba . ROBERTUS Dei gracia Rex Scotorum Alexandro Fraser militi camerario suo dilecto et fideli seu cuicunque vel quibuscunque locum suum tenenti vel tenentibus salutem . Mandamus vobis et firmiter precipimus quatinus per probos et fideles ac antiquiores homines patrie et per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterit recognosci faciatis rectas metas et diuisas inter terram de Ardlogy que est Abbatis et Conuentus de Abirbrothoc infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene ex parte una et Parcum nostrum de Fyvyne ex parte altera . Et si burgenses nostri burgi de Fyvyne habent aliquem statum seu habere consueuerunt tempore bone memorie Alexandri Regis Scotie ultimo defuncti infra petariam de Ardlogy que adiacet Parco nostro predicto et si statum habuerunt utrum ex jure et debito vel ex gracia et sufferancia monachorum et sicut dicte diuise juste et secundum assisam terre recognite fuerint coram vobis ita eas de cetero firmiter faciatis obseruari saluo jure burgensium nostrorum predictorum si quod recognitum fuerit coram vobis per dictam assisam . Teste meipso apud Aberbrothoc tercio die Augusti anno regni nostri vicesimo . CUIUS breuis executio talis est . RECOGNITIO facta apud Parcum de Fyvyne die Lune proxima post Festum Sancti Bartholomei Apostoli anno gracie millesimo trecentesimo vicesimo quinto super diuisis terre de Ardlogy que est Abbatis et Conuentus de Aberbrothoc ex parte una et Parcum de Fyvyne que est domini nostri Regis ex parte altera in presencia venerabilium patrum Dominorum Abbatum de Kilvynyn et de Deyr nobilis viri Domini Jacobi de Garuiach militis discretorum virorum Magistrorum Valdi Story officialis curie Abirdonensis Reginaldi Coneris Andree de Garuiach canonicorum eiusdem ecclesie Abirdonensis Magistri Andree Gallysch rectoris ecclesie de Slanys ac multorum aliorum nobilium ibidem existencium per tales juratos subscriptos videlicet Philippum de Meldrum Reginaldum filium Alani Reginaldum de Vthauch Adam filium Adami Jacobum de Culletnachy Adam Turim Hugonem de Lethindy Reginaldum filium Valdi Ferchardum filium Durdani Matheum

Parker Jacobum Rede Rogerum filium Hugonis Thomam procuratorem Willelmum filium Alani Rogerum Magni Johannem filium Michaelis Willelmum Mykillis Ferchardum filium Duncani Andream filium Valteri Duncanum filium Tyokis Johannem Deroch et Valdum Yungis . Qui jurati dicunt in virtute sacramenti sui [quod] bene et fideliter ambulauerunt rectas metas et diuisas inter dimidiam dauatam terre Parci et terram de Ardlogy incipiendo ad inferiorem finem de le Modirlech qui vocatur Gramos et sic ambulando et signa ponendo inter petariam de Ardlogy et petariam pertinentem ad Parcum quousque peruenerunt apud le Stanyford Item predicti jurati dicunt quod burgenses de Fyvyne nullum statum habent nec habere consueuerunt in petaria de Ardlogy nisi ex sufferancia monachorum sed in tempore Domini Reginaldi le Chene dederunt denarium vange et pro quolibet plaustratu petarum unum quadrantem . In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum unacum sigillis dictorum Abbatum Militis et Clericorum presentibus est appensum . Datum die loco et anno supradictis .

Johannes Allirdes subscribit .

De disciplina regulari seruanda per Custodem domus nostre de Fywyn. ¹
—(A.D. 1325.)

Frater Bernardus permissione diuina abbas de Aberbrothoc dilecto socio suo Dompno Albertino custodi domus de Fyvin salutem cum benedictione paterna . Ne custodia discipline regularis apud te et socios nostros qui tecum sunt corrumpatur aut pereat tibi precipimus et mandamus in virtute sancte obediencie quod tribus diebus per septimanas singulas videlicet diebus Lune Mercurii et Veneris cum consociis tuis infra cancellam capelle capitulum regulariter teneas et sociorum tuorum excessus ordinate corrigas et reformes cultum diuinum Dominicis diebus et festiuis prout qualitas exigit cum nota iuxta posse solempniter exequaris / jeiunia quoque indicta iuxta regulam et canonica instituta precipue facias obseruari nisi infirmitas cui non est imposita lex obsistat Et si quis sociorum ebriosus clamosus verbosus inuentus fuerit et tibi rebellis et inobediens fuerit ipsum primo verbo salutis si poteris emendes alioquin per silentium et

¹ [From the Registrum Vetus Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 312.]

ieiunium panis et aque in loco secreto extra accessum secularium castigari pr[operati]m . Qui si sic emendatus non fuerit ipsum ad monasterium nostrum preditem transmittas una cum causis delictorum pro quibus fuerit sic mittendus . Et ad hec omnia liberius exequenda auctoritatem nostram per has litteras nostras patentes tibi committimus in hac parte . Datum apud Aberbrothoc die Lune in Festo Sancti Martini in yeme anno gracie millesimo trecentesimo vicesimo quinto .

Custodia prioratus de Fywy concessa sub sigillo communi.¹ —(A.D. 1451.)

In nomine Domini Amen . Per hoc . . . instrumentum . . . pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo primo mensis vero Augusti die vicesimo sexto . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum . . . presencia . . . Frater Malcomus Bridy monachus professus . . . de Abirbrothoc . . . ac prior de Fywy quandam litteram . . . super concessione dicti sui prioratus de Fywy per Abbatem . . . de Abirbrothoc factam . . . mihi notario . . . tradidit perlegendam . . . sub hac forma . . . VNIUERSIS . . . ecclesie filiis . . . Ricardus . . . abbas . . . de Abirbrothoc . . . salutem . Nouerit vniuersitas vestra nos . . . concessisse . . . Dompno Malcomu Bridy commonacho nostro capellam de Fywy Aberdonensis diocesis nunc destitutam per dimissionem . . . commonachi nostri Dompni Johannis de Sancto Andrea . . . cum omnibus redditibus . . . pro tempore quoadvixerit dictus Dominus Malcomus in usus proprios et reformationem dicte capelle conuertendis . . . sic quod debite et honorifice predictae capelle in diuinis administretur . . . Incuius rei testimonium sigillum commune capituli nostri est appensum . . . vicesimo quinto die mensis Marcii anno Domini m^o cccc^o quinquagesimo . DE . . . quibus . . . Frater Malcomus . . . sibi fieri peciit publicum instrumentum . Acta fuerunt hec infra burgum de Abirden in camera Thome Craufurd burgensis dicti burgi . . . presentibus ibidem . . . Johanne Scroggis patre . Matheo Fychat . David Colini . et Johanne Mar . burgensibus predicti burgi . cum diuersis aliis . . .

Et ego Patricius Nicholai . . . notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

¹ [From the Registrum Recentius Abacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 78.]

Commissio data Magistro Jacobo Heryng pro vnione de Fywe in manibus
Abbatia Georgii.¹—(A.D. 1508.)

Uniuersis . . . Georgius . . . abbas . . . de Arbroth . . . [salutem] .
nos . . . constituimus . . . Magistrum Jacobum Heryng vicarium de
Murhous nostrum . . . procuratorem . . . ad capiendum . . . posses-
sionem . . . prioratus de Fywy iuriumque et pertinenciarum eiusdem
nostro monasterio per . . . Papam Julium modernum perpetuo aduinito-
rum . cuius . . . regimen Alexander Mason monachus nostri monasterii
sponte cessit coram notario et testibus . . . Apud . . . monasterium
xxviii. die mensis Septembris anno Domini m^o quingentesimo octauo .

Instrumentum super monitione remotionis a tenentia de Mekill Folley.²
—(A.D. 1543.)

Vndecimo die Maij anno Domini xv^o xl. tercio Quo die personaliter
constitutus Alexander Gavan officarius Domini Willelmi Siluer capellani
de Folloch Roule ex mandato dicti capellani ut asseruit accessit ad tene-
menta sex decem bouatarum de Mekill Folley assedata quondam Willel-
mo Daudsone et suis assignatis pro spacio nouem decem annorum ut
in assedacione cauetur Et ibidem de singulis domibus eorundem eiecit
vnum *ly stress* in signum remotionis Magistri Johannis Daudsone et
Johannis Daudsone filiorum dicti quondam Willelmi / eius subtenentium
a dicta tenentia et assedatione monendo nomine dicti capellani et Jo-
hannis Leslie sui balliui quatenus remouerent se et sua a dicta tenentia
ad proximum Festum Penthecostes sub pena quinque solidorum et vnus
denarii cuiuslibet diei quibus contingit dictos Magistrum Johannem et
Johannem Daudsone occupare huiusmodi tenementa post dictum Festum
Penthecostes / Nichilominus dictus Magister Johannes pro se et dicto

¹ [From the Registrum Recentius Abacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 872.]

In the year 1527, Sir William Blantyr, priest, was nominated successor to Sir Andrew Panter, vicar of the church of Fywy; and on Sir William' death, in 1582, the vicarage was conferred on Sir John Arnot, priest.—(Id., pp. 475, 506.)]

² [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

Johanne eius fratre germano prefata *ly stressis* in singulis domibus interposuit cum omni periculo juris affirmando dicta tenementa esse sua ratione assignacionis ut in instrumento publico cauetur et de remedio juris protestatur Super quibus dictus Magister Johannes petiit instrumenta Acta apud Mekill Folay hora quasi xj. ante meridiem presentibus Johanne Clark Henrico Crushank Willelmo Clark Alexandro Thome et me notario .

Concessio Regia Georgio Gordoun de Scheves militi ejusque sponse.¹ —
(A.D. 1563.)

Maria Dei gratia Regina Scotorum venerabili in Christo patri ac deuotis oratoribus nostris Commendatario et Conuentui monasterii nostri de Abirbrothok salutem Quia omnes et singule terre de Monkishill ecclesiastice terre vulgariter dicte *The Kirklandis* de Fyvie molendinum de Fyvie brueria vulgari nostro dicta *Brewhouse* de Fyvie et terre de Ardlogy cum . . . suis . . . pertinentiis jacentes in baronia de Fyvie intra regalitatem de Abirbrothok et vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene que Georgio olim Domino Gordoun perprius hereditarie pertinuerunt per ipsum de vobis dictis Commendatario et Conuentu immediate tente jam nobis pertinent et in manibus nostris ratione eschaete deuenerunt ob forisfacture processum contra ipsum rite deductum pro certis prodictionis et nostre lese maiestatis criminibus per ipsum commissis de quibus in Parlamento nostro conuictus existerat vti in decreto et forisfacture processu rite contra ipsum deducto desuper latius continetur Et nos vllam lesionem aut preiudicium vobis prelibatis Commendatario et Conuentui monasterii nostri suprascripti penes vestram superioritatem predictarum terrarum generari nolentes sed potius de vno sufficiente tenente vobis ad huiusmodi prouidere Georgium Gordoun de Scheves equitem auratum et Elizabeth Gordoun suam sponsam in immediatos hereditarios tenentes . . . prescriptarum terrarum de Monkishill terrarum ecclesiasticarum de Fyvie molendini de Fyvie bruerie de Fyvie ac terrarum de Ardlogy cum . . . suis . . . pertinentiis tenore presentium

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Meldrum.]

presentamus ordinamusque prefatum Georgium Gordoun de Scheves militem seu auratum equitem ac suam coniugem ipsorum duorum diutius viuentem in coniuncta infeodatione atque heredes masculos inter eos legitime procreatos siue procreandos quibus deficientibus heredes masculos dicti Georgii quoscunque per vestras cartam et sasinam in eisdem hereditarie infeodandos fore de vobis et vestris successoribus simili modo et adeo libere tenendis veluti prenominatus Georgius olim dominus Gordoun ante supradictam forisfacturam easdem tenebat et possidebat Et presentes literas per vos visas et intellectas earundem latori reddatis . Datum sub testimonio nostri magni sigilli apud Edinburgh octauo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo sexagesimo tertio et regni nostri vicesimo primo .

Per signaturam manu S. D. N. Regine subscriptam .

Inquisicio Willelmi Forbes de Tochone.¹ —(A.D. 1505.)

Inquisitio facta apud burgum de Abirdene primo die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quarto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Wattertone vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in curia vicecomitis in pretorio eiusdem burgi pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Willelmum Gordone de Scheves Andream Fraser de Stanyvod milite[s] Alexandrum Skene de eodem Andream Tulideff de eodem Willelmum Turing de Foverne Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Willelmum Blakhall de eodem Alexandrum Cultys de Ouchtircoule Henricum Annand de Ouchterellone Alexandrum Crome de Inuerernan Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyuer Patricium Gordone de Haudauch Johannem Chamer de Strathechyne Ranaldum Oudny filium et heredem apparentem Willelmi Oudny de eodem Robertum Burnat de Balmad Johannem Dawgerno de Garneffyntra et Thomam Fraser de Kynmondy Qui iurati dicunt quod quondam Malcomus Forbes de Tochone pater Willelmi Forbes latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de sexaginta perticatis terrarum cum pertinenciis iacentibus

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

in burgo baronie de Fivv infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Willelmus est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Malcomi patris sui de dictis perticatis terre cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte sexaginta perticate terrarum cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum sex marcas et valuerunt quatuor marcas tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de suppremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium burgagium reddendo annuatim Domino de Fivv quatuor denarios pro qualibet perticata dictarum terrarum secundum tenorem carte Regie sub magno sigillo coram dicta assisa producte Et nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis legitime per seipsum per spacium aut eocirca per decessum dicti quondam Malcomi patris sui in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis .

Carta Willelmo Leithe.¹ —(A.D. 1493.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Alexander Johnstone de eodem . . . salutem Noueritis me dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta mea confirmasse dilecto meo Willelmo Leithe filio secundo quondam Henrici Leithe de Bernys . . . dimidietatem terrarum mearum de Badycaiss cum suis pertinentiis jacentium in tenendria mea de Kynbrune in baronia de Rothenormane infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene Quequidem terre cum pertinentiis fuerunt prius prouidi viri Alexandri Mar burgensis de Abirdene hereditarie et quas idem Alexander . . . in manibus meis domini superioris earundem personaliter apud dictum burgum de Abirdene . . . sursum reddidit . . . Tenendam . . . prefato Willelmo et heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreandis quibus forte deficientibus Patricio Leithe suo fratri germano et heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreandis quibus forte deficientibus heredibus propinquieribus legitimis ipsius Willelmi quibuscunque de me et heredibus meis dominis de Kinbrune in feodo et

¹ [Abridged from the Notary's Protocol, entitled "Register of Sasines for the Burgh of Aberdeen," vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the fifteenth day of April, 1380, Andrew of Lesly, lord of that ilk, confirmed a charter by Andrew of Garviach, lord of Caskyben, to Stephen Cherie, his son-in-law, and Margaret, his wife, of Kinbrun and Bادهcash in the barony of Rothenorman, before these witnesses, William of Lindesay, Gilbert of Lindesay, knights, and John of Forbes, etc.—(MS. notes of Leslie charters.)]

hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo inde . . . michi et heredibus meis seruitium de dicta dimidietate terrarum de Badycass cum suis pertinentiis debitum et consuetum tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigillum meum est appensum apud Abirden xxviii^o die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo tertio coram venerabili et famosis viris Magistro Waltero Leslie rectore de Menmuyr Willelmo Johnstone filio meo et herede apparente Patricio Leslie burgensi de Abirden Henrico Jhonston Willelmo Jhonston consanguineis meis et Domino Johanne Stirueling presbytero ac notario publico .

Inquisicio Georgii comitis de Rothas.¹ —(A.D. 1509.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Aberdene decimo septimo die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo nono coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Aberdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Georgium Meldrum de Fyvie Johannem Gordone de Lungar Johannem Mowat de Loscragy Johannem Forbes de Echt Patri-
cium Steuart de Latheris Andream Tulidef de eodem Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyver Willelmum Turing de Foverne Thomam Meldrum de Edane Johannem Skene de Ouchterarne Johannem Troup de Comolegy Willelmum Buchane de Auchmacoy Johannem Dunbrek de eodem et Duncanum Strathachin de Glenkindy Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Andreas Leslie miles pater Georgii comitis

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. I, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

The lands of the barony of Rothynormane were granted by King Robert III. to Norman of Lesley in the year 1390.—(Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, p. 593.) On the ninth day of April, 1618, John, earl of Rothas, was served heir of James, master of Rothas, his brother, in these lands and in the lands and barony of Guisney [Gushney.] On the twenty-seventh day of April, 1642, John, earl of Rothas, was served heir of John, earl of Rothas, his father, in the lands of Rothynormane in Foirmalrtyne, and in other lands in the sheriffdoms of Elgin and Forres and Inverness, united into the barony of Ballinbreich. On the sixteenth day of May, 1682, Margaret, countess of Haddington, was served heir of tallie and provision of John, duke of Rothas, her father, in these lands, and in the lands and barony of Guisnay, with the patronage of the church of Guisnay, &c, and other lands in the sheriffdoms of Fife, Perth Kincardine, Forfar, Elgin and Forres, and Inverness, united as above.—(Inquisit. Special. Vicecomit. Aberd., nn. 583, 262, 452.)]

de Rothess ac domini de Leslie latoris presencium obijt vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Rothynormund cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum annexis baronie de Balnabregh Et quod dictus Georgius est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam Andree patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum viginti libras et valuerunt tempore pacis decem libras Et quod tenentur in capite de domino nostro Rege per seruicium varde et releuij faciendo sectas debitas et consuetas ad placita capitalia dicti vicecomitatus de Abirdene Et dicte terre cum pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis legitime per seipsum per decessum quondam Elizabeth Sancelar relicte quondam dicti Andree militis coniunctam infeodacionem earundem habentis per spacium vnus anni aut eocirca in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis Datum et clausum sub sigillo officij dicti vicecomitis deputati ac sigillis quorundam eorum qui huic inquisicioni intererant faciente anno die mense et loco prenotatis .

Confirmatio Regia Alexandro Chene ejusque sponse.¹ —(A.D. 1499.)

Apud Abirdene . iv. Octobris . j^m. cccc. xcix. . Rex confirmavit cartam Johannis Chene de Straloch [in qua concessit Alexandro Chene nepoti suo et Katherine Meldrum sponse dicti Alexandri et eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus masculis inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus dicto Johanni et heredibus suis masculis propinquieribus legitimis quibuscunque terras suas dimedietatis de Creichinalaid infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene (exceptis terris de Myddil Creiche Estir Creiche et molendino earundem) Testibus Wilhelmo Meldrum de Five Patricio Gordoune de Audache Roberto Gordoune de Vthaw Andrea Berclay Thoma Alexandersoune armigeris Domino Johanne Strade vicario de Five et Domino Johanne Striveling notario publico . Apud Straloch . iv. Junii . j^m. cccc. xcix.]

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xlii., no. 457, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.

The precept of selsin following upon this charter by John Cheyne is of the same date, and is directed to Walter Berclay of Towy, William Jhonstone, son and heir of Alexander Jhonstone of that ilk, and Ranald Cheyne, baillies.—(Original in the charter chest at Meldrum.)]

Preceptum Regium ad dandum saisinam Alexandro Chene ejusque sponse.
—(A.D. 1503.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum vicecomiti et balliuis suis de Abirdene necnon dilectis nostris Nicholayo Tuledeff Rolando Chene ac eorum cuilibet . . . vicecomitibus nostris de Abirdene in hac parte salutem Quia dedimus . . . hereditarie dilectis nostris Alexandro Chene et Katherine Meldrum eius sponse in coniuncta infeodatione et eorum alteri diutius viuenti et heredibus suis dimedietatem totarum et integrarum terrarum versus vmbra de Ester Crechy Myddill Crechy Creichinalaid cum dimedietate molendini eiusdem suis partibus pendiculis . . . jacentium infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene Quequidem terre cum dimedietate molendini et omnibus suis pertinenciis supra-scriptis fuerunt dicti Alexandri prius hereditarie et quas idem Alexander . . . apud Abirdene resignauit . . . Vobis . . . mandamus quatenus dictis Alexandro et Katherine ac eorum alteri diutius viuenti in coniuncta infeodatione vel suis certis attornatis . . . saisinam dicte dimedietatis prefatarum terrarum cum dimedietate molendini eiusdem cum suis . . . pertinenciis . . . juste haberi faciatis . . . Datum sub testimonio magni sigilli nostri apud Abirdene decimo quinto die mensis Februarij anno regni nostri decimo quinto .

Carta Alexandro Ewin.¹ —(A.D. 1595.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Joannes Robertus in Humpiche burgensis de Abirdene . . . salutem Noueritis me . . . per adimpletione certe mee partis cuiusdam contractus . . . confectum me ab vna et Allexandrum Ewin conburgensem de Abirdene puerum ab altera de dato presentium . . . vendidisse . . . prefato Alexandro Ewin heredibus suis et assignatis totam et integram dimedietatem meam vmbrales dimedietatis villarum et terrarum de Ester Buth Myddill Crechie Creichnaled et molendini earundem cum pertinentenciis . . . et

¹ [A.D.]

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pertinentiis jacentium infra barroniam de Crechie parochiam de Fywie et vicecomitatum de Abirdeine Tenendam . . . predictam dimidietatem . . . a me heredibus meis et assignatis de supremo domino nostro Rege et suis successoribus Regibus Scotie dominis meis superioribus predictarum terrarum et molendini in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . dicto supremo nostro domino Regi et suis successoribus . . . seruitia debita et consueta tantum . . . Insuper dilectis meis balliuis . . . firmiter mando quatenus . . . sasinam . . . predictae dimidietatis . . . cum omnibus suis . . . pertinentiis . . . prefato Allexandro Ewin heredibus suis et assignatis antedictis eorumque certis actornatis . . . tradatis . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee . . . manu mea subscripte sigillum meum est appensum apud Abirdoniam quarto die mensis Junij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo nonagesimo quinto coram testibus Joanne Collisoune preposito burgi de Abirdein Georgio Banermane de Wattertoune Magistro Thoma Leslie vicecomite deputato de Aberdein Magistro Patricio Cheyne vno balliuorum dicti burgi Magistro Thoma Malyson scribe communi eiusdem Waltero Robertstone notario publico Joanne Leslie connotario et Thoma Cheyne filio dicti dicti Magistri Patricii Cheyne scribe presentis carte .

Carta Joanni Urquhart de Culbo.¹ —(A.D. 1597.)

Omnibus hanc chartam visuris . . . Alexander Ewin burgensis de Aberden . . . salutem Noueritis me . . . pro adimptione certe mee partis cuiusdam contractus . . . confecti inter me ab vna et honorabilem virum Joannem Urquhart de Culbo tutorem de Crommertie parte ab altera de data presentium . . . vendidisse . . . prefato Joanni Urquhart et heredibus suis masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus forte deficientibus heredibus masculis dicti Joannis nomen et arma de Urquhart gerentibus et assignatis quibuscunque necnon Joanne alias Jeane Abirnathie eius coniugi in vitali reddito . . . totas et integras terras meas de Crechnalaid vmbrales dimidietates omnium et singularum

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Meldrum.]

terrarum mearum de Eister Crechie et Middil Crechie cum molendino de Crechie terris molendinariis astrictis mvlturis sequelis et *lie knavschip* . . . jacentes infra baroniam de Crechie parochiam de Fywie et vicecomitatum de Aberden Tenendas . . . a me heredibus meis et assignatis de S. D. N. Rege et suis successoribus . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . dicto S. D. N. Regi et suis successoribus . . . servitia debita et consueta tantum . . . Insuper dilectis meis balliis meis . . . vobis . . . mando quatenus . . . sasinam hereditariam . . . prefatarum terrarum de Crechnalaid vmbra-
 lium dimedietatum . . . dictarum terrarum de Eister Crechie et Middil Crechie cum molendino de Crechie terris molendinariis astrictis mvlturis *lie knavschip* . . . et pertinentiis . . . prefato Joanni Vrquhart heredibus suis masculis respectiue et assignatis antedictis necnon dicte Joanne alias Jeane Abirnathie eius coniugi in vitali redditu . . . vel eorum certis actornatis . . . tradatis . . . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus manu mea subscriptis sigillum meum proprium est appensum apud Crechie secundo die mensis Novembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo nonagesimo septimo coram his testibus Vilhelmo Trovp de Pettindreyche Vilhelmo Meldrum Jacobo Innes et Joanne Calder famulis dicti Joannis Vrquhart et Donaldo Vrquhart notario publico ac scriba presentis .

Rex confirmat cartam Willelmo Blakhall de eodem ejusque sponse.¹ —
 (A.D. 1509.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxvii. Januarii . j^m. v^c. viii. . Rex confirmavit cartam Roberti Gardine de Folay [in qua (pro sustentacione vite sue et prolium suarum ac redempcione debitorum suorum) vendidit et alienavit Willelmo Blakhall de eodem et Isobelle Hay ejus sponse eorumque alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus masculis propinquieribus legitimis ipsius Willelmi et suis assignatis quibuscunque dimedietatem umbralem terrarum dimedietatis de Lital Folay et Blakwatter in baronia de Kynedward infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene pro quadam certa pecunie summa

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xv., no. 18, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

persoluta . Faciendo annuatim Regi servicium warde et relevii debitum et consuetum . Testibus Patricio Rede David Stewart Willelmo Rolland David Fynne burgensibus de Abirdene Dominis David Lyel et Johanne Striveling presbiteris ac notario publico . Apud Abirdene . xx. Septembris . j^m. v^c. viii.]

Concessio Regia Roberto Innes de Invermerky. ¹ —(A.D. 1511.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxx. Januarii . j^m. v^c. x. . Rex concessit Roberto Innes de Invermerky et heredibus suis terciam partem terrarum de Rothibrisbane infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene que fuerunt quondam Jacobi Innes de Rothibrisbane et in manibus Regis recognite fuerunt ob alienacionem majoris partis earundem etc.

Confirmatio Regis Willelmo Gordon de Scheves ejusque sponse. ² (A.D. 1511.)

Apud Edinburghe . iv. Januarii . j^m. v^c. x. . Rex confirmavit Willelmo Gordoun de Scheves et Jonete Ogilvy ejus sponse ac eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione et heredibus suis inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Willelmi quibuscunque terras de Mekle Gicht Litill Gicht Mekle Ardach cum molendino earundem Litill Ardach et Auchincreif in baronia de Scheves infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene quas idem Willelmus resignavit .

Service on Gight. ³ —(A.D. 1681.)

January 28, 1681 . Special service of Charles Maitland as nearest heir

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xviii., no. 47, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Ibid., lib. xvi., no. 29, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

³ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

of his brother Sir Richard Maitland junior of Pitrichie in . . . the lands and barony of Gight *alias* Shives with the tower fort manor place *etc.* and tithes . . . comprehending . . . the dominical lands of Gight the lands of Millbrecks Brackhilloch Swanfoord Fadownhill Litle Gight Meikle Ardoch mill of Ardoch mill lands multures and sequells . . . Litle Ardoch Auchincreive Monlettie Newtown of Shives Chapeltown of Shives the mill mill lands multures and sequells . . . Skellmanee Balnagcats Balquhathie mills mill lands multures and sequells . . . Midlemoor Cairnorie Newseat mill of Gight mill lands multures and sequells . . . Stonehouse of Gight and Cottown . . . lands of Fetterletter Munkshill Lethintie Bruckillseat the dominical lands and manor place of Shives Newseat Burneside the old mill and new mill mill lands multures and sequells . . . the towns and lands of Oldtown Leyes Broadwards Quilquax and Killmachily with . . . the vicarage tithes . . . houses . . . and whole pertinents all lying in the parishes of Fyvie and Tarves and shire of Aberdeen all . . . incorporated into one whole and free barony . . . to be called the barony of Gight the manor place of Gight being ordained the principal messuage of said barony . . . according to the tenor of a charter under the great seal in favor of the said Sir Richard Maitland his heirs male successors and assignees dated 6 July 1672 . . . Which whole lands and barony of Gight *alias* Shives with the tower fort manor place . . . and others above written are held in chief of the King and his successors in free barony and heritage perpetually . . . for wardship and non entry or either of them when it happens the sum of twenty punds Scots at two terms of the year . . . and for relief . . . the sum of twenty punds Scots . . . also for . . . marriage or marriages . . . the sum of forty punds Scots only .

THE PARISH OF AUCHTERLESS.¹

Rex confirmat cartam Alexandro Irwin juniore ejusque sponse.² —(A.D. 1499.)

Apud Aberdene . iij. Octobris . j^m. cccc. xcix. . Rex confirmavit cartam Johannis Allerdes de eodem [in qua concessit Alexandro Irwin filio et heredi apparenti Alexandro Irwin de Drum et Jonete Allerdes sponse sue et filie dicti Johannis et eorum alteri diucius viventi in conjuncta infeodatione ac heredibus inter ipsos legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus propinquioribus legitimis ipsius Alexandri et suis assignatis quibuscunque duas partes suas terrarum baronie de Uchterles infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene pro matrimonio inter dictos Alexandrum et Jonetam solemnizato . Reservatis libero tenemento dicto Johanni et rationabili tertia Elizabethe Gordoune sponse sue . Testibus Magistro Ada Gordoune precentore Moraviensi Johanne Rutherford milite ac preposito de Aberdene Alexandro Menzeis Roberto Blinsele Alexandro Rede Magistro Johanne Gordoune vicario de Striveling Alexandro Aberdoure et Domino Johanne Striveling notario publico . Apud Aberdene . x. Septembris . j^m. cccc. xcix.]

Inquisicio Alexandri Buchane.³ —(A.D. 1505.)

Inquisitio facta apud burgum de Abirdene ultimo die mensis Septembris

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 505-508.]

The church of Ochtrics with the pertinents was confirmed by Pope Adrian IV. in the year 1157, to Edward, bishop of Aberdeen.—(Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis, vol. I., p. 6.) In the rental of the Crown lands in Aberdeenshire, in the time of Alexander III., (1249-1286,) the reddendo of the barony of Uchterlyss is set down as a sparrow-hawk, "esperuarium," and the barony of Sydgat is valued at fifteen merks —(Id., vol. I., p. 55.)]

² [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli lib. xlii., no. 892, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

³ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. I., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the fifth day of June, 1507, William Buchane was served heir to Alexander Buchane of Auchmacoy, his father, in these lands of Inuererney and other lands.—(Ibidem.)]

anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watertoun vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in curia capitali in pretorio eiusdem pro tribunali sedente . . . Alexander Irwin de Drum miles Willelmus Craufurde de Federay Walterus Berclay de Towy Walterus Dempstar de Ouchtirles Willelmus Johnstoun filius et heres apparens Alexandri Johnstoun de eodem Alexander Caldour de Sonnoherde Jacobus Chene de Straloch Johanne Ross de Auchlossin Robertus Dugud de Auchnahuff Johannes Mowat de Loscragy Alexander Skene de eodem Thomas Burnat de Gask Alexander Coutis de Outhircoull Georgus Abircromy de Petmethan et Willelmus Blakhall de eodem jurati dicunt quod quondam Andreas Buchane de Auchnakoy frater Alexandri Buchane latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Inuerherny cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus in dominio de Ouchtirles infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Alexander est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Andree fratris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum octo marcas et valuerunt tres libras tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de Domino de Ouchterles Allirdes per seruicium warde et releuij Et nunc existunt in manibus dicti Domini de Ouchterles legitime per seipsum per decessum dicti quondam Andree fratris sui ab octauo die ante Festum Pentecostes vltimo elapsi in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis .

Carta Johannis Dempstare de Vchtirless.¹ —(A.D. 1481.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos dedisse . . . dilecto et fideli nostro Johanni Dempstare de Vchtirles superioritatem totius et integri domini ac tenandiarum de Lateris cum pertinentiis jacentium infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene necnon quintas partes de Fortray Ordmyddil Murrask et Kynarmyt cum pertinentiis ac sextam partem terrarum et le Manys dicti domini de Lateris sextam partem terrarum de Durlateris et Glaslo cum sexta parte molendinorum

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. x., no. 3.]

earundem cum pertinentiis jacentium in dicto dominio et infra vicecomitatum supradictum Quequidem superioritas dicti domini et tenandiarum de Lateris cum pertinentiis fuit hereditarie dilecti consanguinei nostri Johannis domini Insularum tanquam baronis de Kynedwarde et quam superioritatem idem Johannes dominus Insularum . . . in manus nostras apud Edinburgh . . . simpliciter resignavit Et quas terras predictas cum sexta parte molendinorum earundem cum pertinentiis postquam superioritas dicti domini et tenandiarum de Lateris fuit per procuratores dicti Johannis domini Insularum in manibus nostris resignata / dictus Johannes Dempstare . . . in manus nostras apud Edinburgh . . . simpliciter resignavit Tenendas . . . dictam superioritatem totius et integri domini et tenandiarum de Lateris cum tenentibus tenandriis et liberetenentium serviciis cum pertinentiis et dictas quintas partes terrarum de Fortray Ordmyddill Murask et Kynarmyt ac sextam partem terrarum et le Manys dicti domini de Lateris ac sextam partem terrarum de Durlatheris Glaslo cum sexta parte molendinorum earundem cum pertinentiis dicto Johanni Dempstare et heredibus suis de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum Faciendo inde annuatim . . . jura et serviciia . . . debita et consueta . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . apud Edinburgh vicesimosecundo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo primo / et regni nostri vicesimo secundo .

Inquisicio Walteri Dempstar.¹ —(A.D. 1504.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Aberdene vicesimo secundo die mensis

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

The same jury found Effeme of Murray, the widow of the deceased John Dempster, entitled to her terce of the lands of Polglassy, the town of Vuerordley, the third part of the lands of Thomastoun, Smalburne, Haltoun, &c. of eight oxgangs of the lands of Muresk, of five parts of the lands of Ordmedyll, of five parts of the lands of Forthry, of the Mains of Latheris with the mill, of the lands of Rothloch, Durlatheris, Glaslawe, and the mill, &c. And on the sixth day of October, 1506, Elizabeth Berclay, the widow of Walter Dempstar of Ouchterles, had adjudged to her the terce of two parts of the lands of the barony of Ouchterles Latheris Dempstar.—(Ibid.)]

Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quarto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watirtoun vicecomitis deputato de Aberden in pretorio eiusdem pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Skene de eodem Willelmum Turing de Foueran Andream Tulidef de eodem Alexandrum Mortimer de Cragyuer Henricum Annand de Ouchtirelloun Henricum Forbes de Kynellour Robertum Dogud de Auchnahuf Alexandrum Cromy de Petmethan Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Johannem Gardin de Latheris Alexandrum Tulloch de Moncoffir Johannem Dunbrek de eodem et Gardin de Blakfurd Qui iurati dicunt quod quondam Johannes Dempstar pater Walteri Dempstar latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de omnibus et singulis terris tercię partis baronie de Ouchtirless vna cum villa de Polglassy cum suis pertinenciis baronia de Ouchtirless Dempstar dicta jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Valterus est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Johannis patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum quinquaginta marcas et valuerunt tempore pacis viginti libras Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium varde et relevij debitum et consuetum Et nunc existunt in manibus domini nostri Regis per spacium quatuor mensium aut eocirca ob decessum dicti quondam Johannis patris sui in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis Datum et clausum sub sigillo officij dicti vicecomitis deputati et sigillis eorum qui huic inquisitioni intererant faciende anno die mense et loco prenotatis .

Carta Alexandri Gardin.¹ —(A.D. 1533.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quandam donationem more excambii factam per Johannem Dempstar de Ouchterless Alexandro Gardin portionario de Latheris . . . ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma . OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel audituris Johannes Dempstar de Ouchtirless Dempstar eternam in Domino salutem Noueritis me . . .

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xxv., no. 97.]

dedisse et per modum puri excambii concessisse . . . honorabili viro Alexandro Gardin portionario de Latheris suis heredibus et assignatis totas et integras sextas partes meas omnium et singularum terrarum dominicalium de Latheris Durlatheris Glasslo et Wodheid cum sextis partibus molendinorum et terrarum molendinorum earundem et suis pertinentiis jacentes in baronia mea de Ouchterless Dempstar infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene pro omnibus et singulis sextis partibus suis terrarum de Muresk Fortra Ordmiddill Rochtlocht et Kynnarmyt cum sexta parte molendinorum eiusdem et suis pertinentiis jacentium in baronia de Latheris infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene michi heredibus meis et assignatis per eundem Alexandrum Gardin in purum excambium traditis et concessis Tenendas . . . a me et heredibus et assignatis meis de supremo domino nostro Rege . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo . . . seruicium . . . debitum et consuetum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum proprium vnacum mea subscriptione manuali presentibus est appensum apud Abirdene decimo quarto die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo tercio Coram testibus venerabilibus et circumspectis viris Magistris Alexandro Galloway rectore de Kinkell Arthuro Boyiss rectore Beate Marie ad Nives ac commissario generali Abirdonensi Gilberto Menzeis preposito de Abirdene Thoma Menzeis de Petfoddellis Carolo Dempstar in Barony Magistris Daud Nycholsoun et Johanne Nycholsoun notariis publicis cum diuersis aliis ad premissa vocatis . QUAMQUIDEM cartam . . . pro perpetuo confirmamus . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre confirmacionis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Striuelling vicesimo sexto die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo tercio et regni nostri vicesimo primo .

Carta Johannis Dempstar de Ochterles Dempstar. ¹ —(A.D. 1533.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quandam cartam . . . ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xxv., no. 98.]

Alexander Gardin de Latheris eternam in Domino salutem Noueritis me . . . dedisse et per modum puri excambii concedere honorabili viro Johanni Dempstar de Outerles Dempstar suis heredibus et assignatis totas et integras sextas partes meas omnium et singularum terrarum de Muresk Fortra Ordmiddill Rochtlocht et Kynnarmyte cum sexta parte molendinorum eiusdem et suis pertinentiis jacentes in baronia de Latheris infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene pro omnibus et singulis sextis partibus suis terrarum dominicalium de Latheris Durlatheris Glasslo Wodheid cum sextis partibus molendinorum et terrarum molendinorum eorundem et suis pertinentiis jacentibus in baronia de Ouchterless Dempstar infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene michi heredibus meis et assignatis per eundem Johannem Dempstar in purum excambium traditis et concessis Tenendas . . . a me heredibus et assignatis meis de supremo domino nostro Rege . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia vicecomitatus de Abirdene vnacum warda et releuio pro tota et integra baronia sua de Ochterles Dempstar et maritagio cum contigerint . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum proprium vnacum mea subscriptione manuali presentibus est appensum apud Abirdene decimo quarto die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimotercio coram testibus venerabilibus et circumspcctis viris Magistris Alexandro Galloway rectore de Kynkell Arthuro Boyiss rectore Beate Marie ad Niues ac commissario generali Abirdonensi Gilberto Menzeis de Findoune ac preposito de Abirdene Thoma Menzeis de Petfoddellis Carolo Dempstar in Barony Magistris Dauid Nycholsoun et Johanne Nycholsoune notariis publicis cum diuersis aliis QUAMQUIDEM cartam . . . pro perpetuo confirmamus . . . Insuper pro bono fideli et gratuito seruicio nobis per dictum Johannem Dempstar impenso vnimus . . . totas et integras prefatas sex partes omnium et singularum predictarum terrarum de Muresk Fortra Ordmiddill Rochlocht et Kynnarmyte cum sexta parte molendinorum earundem et suis pertinentiis prefatis terris et baronie de Ochterless Dempstar . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre confirmacionis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Striueling vicesimo sexto die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo tercio et regni nostri vicesimo primo .

Carta Johannis Dempstar de Ochterles et eius sponse.¹ —(A.D. 1541.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos dedisse . . . dilectis nostris Johanni Dempstar de Ochterleiss et Margarete Stewart eius coniugi et eorum alteri diucius viuenti in coniuncta infeodacione et heredibus suis subscriptis totam et integram prefati Johannis tertiam partem omnium et singularum terrarum de Mekle Quisne et Litill Quisne suam terciam partem terrarum de Ardley ac integras terras de Persancis earundem suam terciam partem molendini et terrarum molendinariarum de Knokleith cum tercia parte multurarum integre baronie de Ochterleis suam terciam partem terrarum de Racloch suam sextam partem terrarum de Ordmiddill cum omnibus suis pertinenciis jacentes in baronia sua de Ochterleis Dempstare infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene Quequidem partes suprascripte . . . fuerunt prefati Johannis perprius hereditarie et quas idem . . . in manibus nostris apud Falkland . . . simpliciter resignavit . . . Tenendas . . . prefatis Johanni et Margarete eius coniugi et eorum alteri diucius viuenti in coniuncta infeodacione et heredibus masculis inter ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus masculis dicti Johannis secundum tenorem sui veteris infeofamenti de nobis et nostris successoribus in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo . . . jura et seruicia . . . debita et consueta . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Falkland quarto die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo primo et regni nostri vicesimo octauo .

Carta Archebaldo Dempster.² —(A.D. 1553.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Johannes Dempster de Ochterles Dempstar cum consensu . . . Jacobi Dempster filii mei et heredis apparentis . . . salutem Noueritis me . . . dedisse . . . dilecto filio meo tertio genito Archebaldo Dempstar suisque heredibus masculis et assignatis . . . terras meas solares mee tertie partis de Lauchebray et

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib., xxvii. no. 184.]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Gordon Castle.]

Haisse Wollis cum suis pertinentiis jacentes in baronia mea de Ouchterles Dempster infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene Tenendas . . . in feodo et hereditate . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . unum denarium . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigilla nostra propria unacum subscriptionibus nostris manualibus presentibus sunt appensa Apud Muresk vigesimo primo die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo tertio coram his testibus Carollo Dempster de Poglasse Johanne Stewart in Ryland Domino Vilhelmo Streith capellano Vilhelmo Crag Andrea Moreson et Magistro Donaldo Shand notario publico cum diuersis aliis testibus .

James Dempster vitht my hand .

Jhone Dempster .

Carta warrantizationis Georgio Gardin portionario de Durlatheris.¹ —
(A.D. 1555.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Vilhelmus Meldrum filius et heres apparens honorabilis viri Domini Georgii Meldrum de Fywe equitis aurati ac feoditarius terrarum subscriptarum . . . salutem Quia prefatus . . . pater meus cum meo . . . consensu . . . terras de Banchorie cum piscatione salmonum . . . earundem super aqua de Dee unacum terris de Tullohill cum suis . . . pertinentiis jacentes in regalitate de Aberbrothock et vicecomitatu de Kyncardin prouido viro Georgio Gardin portionario de Durlatheris suis heredibus et assignatis vendidit . . . Noueritis me . . . in specialem varantizationem supradictarum terrarum et piscationis . . . hac presenti carta mea confirmasse prefato Georgio Gardin suis heredibus et assignatis . . . terras meas de Haltoun de Ochterles et lie New Myll eiusdem et terras meas de Fluris cum molendino de Knokleytht cum suis pertinenciis . . . jacentes in baronia de Ochterles infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene . . . Tenendas . . . de me heredibus et assignatis meis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . mihi heredibus et assignatis meis unum denarium . . . monete regni Scotie . . . In cuius rei

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Banchory.]

testimonium huic presenti carte mee subscriptione mea manuali subscripte sigillum meum proprium est appensum apud Abirdene secundo die mensis Nouembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinquagesimo quinto coram testibus Thoma Menzes de Petfodellis preposito de Aberdene Gilberto Menzes filio suo et herede apparente Thoma Meldrum de Eden Dauide Mar Alexandro Gray burgensibus de Abirdene . . . et Magistro Joanne Kennedy notario publico cum diuersis aliis .

Carta Jacobi Dempstare de Auchterless.¹ —(A.D. 1574.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris Walterus abbas monasterii de Kinloss ac eiusdem loci conuentus ordinis Cisterciensis Morauiensis diocesis salutem in Domino sempiternam Noueritis nos . . . ad feudifirmam seu emphiteosim hereditarie dimisisse . . . Jacobo Dempstare de Auchterles heredibus suis masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus suis masculis cognomen et arma de Dempstare de Auchterles gerentibus quibus omnibus deficientibus heredibus et assignatis dicti Jacobi quibuscunque omnes et singulas terras nostras de Killesmond et *lie hauchis* eiusdem cum brasina et *lie Craigeis croft* cum omnibus et singulis suis pendiculis et pertinentiis exceptis terris de Auchindaueray cum suis pertinentiis nobis reseruatis et terris duarum *lie hauchis* per nos assedatis Thome Baillye et Willelmo Ogilvie durante nostra voluntate necnon omnes et singulas terras nostras de Cormoris . . . necnon dimidietatem . . . terrarum de Nether Kilmenedeis jacentium ex occidentali parte torrentis eiusdem . . . jacentes infra baroniam nostram de Straithylay regalitatem nostram de Kinlos et vicecomitatum nostrum de Banf . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum commune dicti nostri monasterii vnacum nostris manualibus subscriptionibus est appensum apud ciuitatem Brechinensem tertio die mensis Martij anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo septuagesimo tertio Coram his testibus Thoma Dempstare [filio et herede] apparente dicti Jacobi de Auchterles Willelmo Lindesay in Torref Joanne Young sartore burgensi de Edinburgh Roberto Dempstare in Turref

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xxxiv., no. 198. The charter was confirmed by King James VI. on the eighth of July, 1574.]

Archibaldo Dempstare portionario de Halschewallis Dauide Dempstare et Adamo Bruce cum diuersis aliis .

Carta Thome Dempstar de Auchterles.¹ —(A D. 1589.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos . . . dedisse . . . dilecto nostro Thome Dempstar nunc de Auchterles nepoti et heredi quondam Johannis Dempstar de Auchterles ipsius aui et heredibus de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquoribus heredibus suis quibuscunque et assignatis hereditarie totas et integras quinque partes terrarum de Muresk cum turre fortalicio manerie domibus edificiis hortis pomariis partibus pendiculis et pertinenciis . . . quinque partes terrarum de Kynnermyt quinque partes terrarum de Ordmyddill quinque partes terrarum de Fortre . . . tertiam partem terrarum et baronie de Auchterles Dempstar . . . villam et terras de Polglassy . . . sextas partes prefatarum terrarum de Muresk Kynnermyt Ordmyddill et Fortre cum sexta parte molendini et multurarum earundem . . . jacentes in baronia de Auchterles Dempstar infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene ac . . . tertiam partem terrarum de Raccloche et tertiam partem multurarum integre baronie terrarum de Auchterless cum siluis piscationibus . . . Quequidem omnes antea vnite et incorporate sunt in vnam baroniam Baroniam de Auchterles Dempster nuncupatam . . . Tenendas . . . de nobis et heredibus nostris in feodo hereditate et libera baronia vt antea imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia vicecomitatus nostri de Abirdene cum warda et releuo dictarum terrarum et baronie et maritagio heredis cum contigerint tantum In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . Apud Halyrudehous duodecimo die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo octuagesimo octauo et regni nostri vicesimo secundo .

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. xxxviii., no. 286.]

Carta Regis Thome Dempster de Auchterles ejusque sponse.¹ —(A.D. 1592.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum omnibus . . . salutem Sciatis nos nunc post nostram legitimam et perfectam etatem viginti quinque annorum completam et generalem nostram reuocationem dedisse . . . dilectis nostris Thome Dempster de Auchterles et Jeanne Leslie sue sponse eorumque alteri diutius viuenti in vitali redditu . . . et Roberto Dempster eorum filio legitimo secundo genito et heredibus suis masculis et tallie subtus specificatis hereditarie in feodo totas et integras terras et baroniam de Auchterles Dempster cum turre fortalicio molendinis multuris siluis piscationibus . . . aliisque earundem pertinentiis quibuscunque jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Abirdene Quequidem terre et baronia . . . prefato Thome Dempstar perprius pertinuerunt hereditarie et nunc per ipsius procuratores . . . suo nomine resignate . . . in manibus nostris . . . Insuper nos pro bono fideli et gratuito seruitio nobis per dictum Thomam Dempster et predecessores impenso ac diuersis aliis . . . causis . . . nos mouentibus . . . de nouo . . . damus antedictis Thome Dempstar et Jeanne Leslie . . . et Roberto Dempstar . . . prefatas terras . . . Preterea damus . . . aduocationem donationem et jus patronatus ecclesie parochialis de Auchterles . . . et ecclesie parochialis de Inverkithnie rectorie et vicarie eiusdem Tendendas . . . antedictis Thome Dempster et Jeanne Leslie eius coniugi eorumque alteri diutius viuenti in vitali redditu . . . et dicto Roberto Dempstar ipsorum filio legitimo predicto et heredibus suis masculis de corpore suo legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus Thome Dempstar fratri suo germano et ipsorum filio legitimo tertio genito et heredibus suis masculis . . . quibus etiam deficientibus Georgio Dempstar de Ordley fratri germano dicti Thome et heredibus suis masculis . . . quibus etiam deficientibus Joanni Dempstar de Knokleytht et heredibus suis masculis . . . quibus etiam deficientibus Archibaldo Dempstar de Halswallis et heredibus suis masculis . . . quibus etiam deficientibus Carolo Dempstar de Barrane et heredibus suis masculis . . .

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Gordon Castle.]

quibus omnibus deficientibus quod absit legitimis et propinquieribus heredibus masculis prefati Thome Dempstar senioris quibuscunque arma et cognomen de Dempstar gerentibus . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . cum furca fossa sok sak thole theme infangtheif outfangtheif pit et gallous . . . Reddendo . . . jura et seruitia . . . inde debita et consueta . . . Prouiso omnimodo quod licebit prefato Thome Dempster seniori aliquo tempore in vita sua tantummodo redimere predictas terras . . . ita quod prelibate terre . . . erint sub reuersione et redimi poterint per dictum Thomam Dempstar seniore in vita sua per solutionem vel consignationem dicte *lie roiss nobill* modo et super premonitione predictis In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus predilectis nostris consanguineis et consiliariis Joanne domino Hammiltoun et commendatario de Abirbrothok Willelmo Angusie comite domino Dowglas et Abirnethie etc. Georgio comite Mariscalli domino Keith regni nostri mariscallo dilectis nostris familiaribus consiliariis Joanne domino Thirlestane cancellario nostro Domino Richardo Cokburne juniore de Clerkingtoun nostro secretario Waltero commendatario de Blantyre nostri secreti sigilli custode Alexandro Hay de Eister Kennat nostrorum rotulorum registri ac consilii clerico Domino Joanne Cokburne de Ormestoun milite nostre justiciarie clerico et Magistro Willelmo Scott de Grangemure nostre cancellarie direttore Apud Edinburght sexto die mensis Junii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo nonagesimo secundo et regni nostri vicesimo quinto .

Service on Cushnie.¹ —(A.D. 1672.)

June 5, 1672 . Special service of William Lindsay of Culsh as nearest heir of his grandfather Mr. James Lindsay of Cushnie in . . . the lands of the third sunny part of the town and lands of Cushnie . . . with their . . . pertinents lying within the barony of Auchterles Dempster and sheriffdom of Aberdeen . . . held in chief of the King and his successors . . . for service of ward and relief . . .

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

Service on Auchterles Meldrum. ¹ —(A.D. 1691.)

November 27, 1691 . Special service of William Meldrum as nearest heir of his father James Meldrum of Hattown in . . . the lands and barony of Auchterles Meldrum comprehending . . . the dominical lands of Auchterles with the tower fort manor place etc. . . . the lands of Persinot Smallburne and Flures which are parts . . . of said dominical lands of Auchterles the lands of Cushnie Knockleith with the mill of Knockleith mill lands multures and sequells the lands of Lenshawbrae Hallwalls Logyaltowne with the mill mill lands and multures . . . the lands of Baddinscoth with the mill . . . mill lands multures and sequells Bruckhills Bakiehill Reidhill Fisherfoord East West and Middle the Middle lands of Blackfurdes with the mill mill lands multures and sequells . . . the lands of Thomastowne Ordelay Corriedown along with the yearly fair or market commonly called Donald Fair yearly held on said lands with the . . . customs and casualties . . . also with the market held on said dominical lands of Hattown with the customs therof and with all their houses . . . and their pertinents all lying in said barony of Auchterles and shire of Aberdeen according to charter thereof under the great seal granted by Charles II. in favor of James Meldrum of Hattown foresaid his heirs successors and assignees the fifteenth day of October 1663 . . . Which whole lands and barony of Auchterles Meldrum . . . and others above written . . . are held in chief of the King and Queen and their successors in fee heritage and free barony perpetually for service of ward and relief and said yearly fair and . . . market with the customs profits etc. are held also in chief of the King and Queen and their above written in free blench farm for yearly payment of one penny Scots .

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the second day of February, 1700, Alexander Meldrum was served heir of the above-named William Meldrum, his brother, in the same lands.—(Ibid.)]

THE PARISH OF FORGLEN.¹

Remissio Regis Henrico de Monymusk.² —(A.D. 1357.)

Dauid Dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus tocius terre sue salutem Sciatis quod cum remisimus de gratia nostra speciali Henrico de Monymusk omnem actionem et sectam nostram Regiam quas erga ipsum habuimus ob causam more sue quam traxit in Anglia nostris inimicis adherendo dedimus . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmauimus eidem Henrico omnes terras suas ipsi iure hereditario contingentes infra vicecomitatum de Banff et de Abirden Tenendas . . . eidem Henrico et heredibus suis cum omnibus libertatibus . . . et iustis pertinentiis suis quibuscunque . . . Faciendo seruicia inde debita et consueta In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre sigillum nostrum precepimus apponi Testibus venerabilibus in Christo patribus Willelmo episcopo Sancti Andree Patricio episcopo Brechinensi cancellario nostro . . . Roberto senescallo nostro Scocie comite de Stratheryne Patricio comite Marchie et Moraue Thoma comite de Marr Willelmo de Leuyngstoun et Roberto de Erskyne militibus ac multis aliis Apud Edynburghum tercio die Junij anno regni nostri vicesimo octauo .

The Kings gift to Alexander Irwin of Forglen.³ —(A.D. 1527.)

James be the grace of God King of Scottis to oure schiref of Aberdene his deputis and all vtheris oure officiaris liegis and subditis quham it efferis . . . greting Wit ye ws with auise and consent of oure thesaurar for the gude and thankfull seruice done to ws be oure louit Alexander Irwin of Forglen son and aire of vmquhile Alexander Irwin of Drum knicht his said vmquhile fader and freyndis in sercheing taking and bringynd of oure rebellis theiffis revaris sornaris and murtheraris being in the North Month to oure lawis of oure speceale command be oure wryt-

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 508-518.]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Drum. Cf. Robertson's Index to the Missing Charters, p. 45, no. 19, p. 46, no. 8; Rotuli Scotiae, vol. I., p. 690.]

³ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Drum.]

ingis send to the said vmquhile Alexander thairupon and in part of recompenss of thair grete laubouris and expensis sustenit be thame thairthrow to haue gevin and grantit . . . to the said Alexander Irwin of Forglen his airis and assignais ane or ma the nonentres relief and doublingis of few of all and sindry the landis baith propirtie and tenandrys annuellis vittalis fischeingis and mylnes of the saidis landis quhilkis pertenit to the said vmquhile Alexander in propirtie or tenandry and now throw his decess pertening or may pertene to ws . . . with all malis fermes proffittis and dewiteis of the samyn during the nonentres thairof . . . Quhairfore we charge straitlie and commandis you our said schiref of Aberdene youre deputis and all vtheris oure officiaris . . . that ye and ilkane of you cess fra all intrometting . . . of the saidis landis propirtie or tenandrys annuellis mylnes fischeingis vittalis or ony other pairt thairof for the nonentres releif and doublingis of few of the samyn . . . Gevin vnder oure priue sele at Edinbrugh the ferde day of December the yeir of God j^m. v^c. twenty sevin yeirs and of oure regne the fiftene yeir .

Per signaturam manu S. D. N. Regis
subscriptam etc.

Carta feodifirme Alexandro Irwing ejusque sponse.¹ —(A.D. 1621.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Alexander Irwing de Drum . . . salutem Noueritis me cum consensu . . . Roberti Irwing filij mei secundo geniti et dictum Robertum pro suo interesse pro perimptione vnus certe partis cuiusdam contractus . . . confecti inter me et dictum Robertum meum filium pro suo jure . . . ex vna et Dominum Alexandrum Irwing apparentem de Drum militem meum filium seniore et Dominam Magdalenam Scrymgseour eius coniugem . . . partibus ab altera de data apud Drum et Dudop respectiue octauo die mensis Nouembris et quinto die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo vigesimo . . . dedisse . . . et ad feodifirmam et hereditatem dimisisse . . . prefatis Domino Alexandro Irwing et Domine Magdalene Scrymgseour sue coniugi secum in coniuncta infeodatione et eorum alterj diutius

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Drum.]

viuenti et heredibus masculis inter ipsos legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus heredibus masculis et assignatis dicti Domini Alexandri quibuscunque totas et integras villas et terras meas de Forglen cum turre fortalicio manerie loco habitationis hortis pomarijs piscatione salmonum piscium super aquam de Dovert molendinis terris molendinariis multuris sequelis partibus pendiculis et pertinentiis earundem comprehendentes terras maneriej de Forglen vulgo lie Mayneis de Forglen villam ecclesiasticam de Forglen Milntoun Rubraes Cottoun cum toftis croftis *lie outseattis* respectiue et cum aduocatione donatione et iure patronatus dicte ecclesie de Forglen cum illa etiam petia terre vocata *lie Haughe* de Muresk jacentes infra regalitatem de Abirbrothok et vicecomitatum de Banff (secludentem tamen dictam Dominam Magdalenam a dicta aduocatione donatione et iure patronatus dicte ecclesie de Forglen tantummodo) Tenendas . . . de me heredibus meis masculis et assignatis de nobili et potenti domino Jacobo marchione de Hammiltoun domino de Arran etc. meo immediato domino superiore dictarum terrarum et de suis successoribus dominis superioribus earundem in feodifirma seu hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . dicto nobili et potenti domino Jacobo marchioni de Hammiltoun et suis successoribus dominis superioribus earundem aut eorum factoribus . . . summam quadraginta solidorum vsualis monete huius regni Scotie ad duos anni terminos . . . cum aliis seruitiis specificatis in antiquis infeofamentis mihi et predecessoribus meis super easdem concessis nomine feodifirme tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee preceptum sasine in se continenti ex chyrographo Jacobi Ross mei seruitoris manu mea necnon manu dicti Roberti Irwing mei filij in signum sui consensus ad premissa subscripte sigillum meum proprium armorum est appensum apud Drum primo die mensis Januarij anno Domini millesimo sexcentesimo vigesimo primo coram his testibus Georgio Irwing seruitore dicti Domini Alexandri Magistro Gilberto Ross dicto Jacobo Ross notarijs publicis et Gulielmo Couttis meo seruitore .

George Irwing witnes

Alexander Irwing off Drum

Wm. Couttis vittnes

R. Irwing consentis

Mr. Gilbert Ross vitnes

James Ross wrytter of the premissis witnes .

THE PARISH OF ALVA.¹

Litera sasine pro Johanne de Bentlay.² —(A.D. 1385.)

Jacobus comes de Douglas dominus Vallis de Lydall . Johanni de Mortuomari balliuo de Strathaluey / Salutem . Quia concessimus ad instantiam karissime matris nostre Domine Margarete comitisse de Douglas et de Marr / nostrum consensum et assensum ad infeodandum Johannem de Bentlay in decem libris terre infra baroniam de Strathaluey [Tenendis sibi] et heredibus suis de corpore suo exeuntibus pro suo seruicio matri nostre antedictæ impenso et impendendo . Vobis mandamus ut quando-cunque placuerit dictæ domine matri nostre dictum Johannem infeodare in dictis decem libris terre ad ipsius mandatum eidem Johanni sasinam hereditariam secundum formam carte sue inde confectæ exhibeatis / detinentes has literas vobis pro warranto / ea tamen conditione ut dictæ terre teneantur de domina matre nostra per homagium et seruicium / wardam et releuium . In cuius rei testimonium presentibus sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus tercio die Aprilis anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo}. lxxx. quinto .

Carta Gulielmo Fraser sponseque ejus.³ —(A.D. 1404.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Issobella de Dowglas comitissa de Marr et Garuiauch salutem . . . Noueritis nos in nostra pura viduitate dedisse . . . et hac presenti carta nostra confirmasse dilecto nostro affini Gulielmo Fraser et Elinore de Duglas sponse sue et eorum diutius viuenti et heredibus suis in libero maritagio totas terras nostras de Tibarty et Wtlaw cum pertinentiis infra baroniam de Strauthaveth in vicecomitatu

¹ [See Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, vol. II., pp. 810-817.]

² [From a transcript in the possession of Joseph Robertson, Esq.]

³ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Philorth.]

de Baumff Tenendas . . . de nobis et heredibus nostris in feudo et hereditate . . . Reddendo inde . . . nobis et heredibus nostris annuatim tres sectas ad curias nostras capitales . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus fecimus apponi apud castrum nostrum de Kyndromie octauo die mensis Decembris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quarto testibus reuerendo in Christo patre et domino Domino Alexandro episcopo Rossensi Magistro Joanne decano eiusdem ecclesie Andrea de Lesly milite Valtero Ogiluy Wilhelmo de Ca . . . Thoma Gray Alexandro de Irwing cum multis aliis .

Confirmatio Comitis de Marr Alexandro Fraser ejusque sponse.¹ —
(Circa A.D. 1430.)

Omnibus hoc scriptum visuris . . . Alexander comes de Marr et Garwiauch salutem in Domino Sciatis nos approbasse et ratificasse . . . donationem et concessionem illas quas dilectus noster Gulielmus Fraser de Philorth fecit et concessit Alexandro Fraser filio suo et heredi et Mariorie Meingzeis sponse sue de terris de Tepartie et Vtlaw cum pertinentiis jacentibus in baronia de Strathalveth infra vicecomitatum de Baumff . . . iisdem Alexandro et Mariorie sponse sue ac eorum diutius viuenti in coniuncto feuffamento earundem terrarum . . . Tenendas . . . de nobis et successoribus nostris in feudo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . saluo tamen nobis et nostris successoribus servitio inde debito et consueto In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto nostro sigillum nostrum apponi fecimus apud burgum de Perth hiis testibus Alexandro de Setoun domino de Gordowne Gulielmo de Seton Gulielmo Leslie Alexandro de Ogiluy Georgio de Inchmertein Thoma clerico nostro cum multis aliis .

Carta Regis Alexandro Fresaille de Philorth.¹ —(A.D. 1456.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus probis hominibus totius terre sue clericis et laicis salutem Sciatis nos dedisse concessisse et hac

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Philorth.]

presenti charta nostra confirmasse Alexandro Fresaille de Filorth terras de Philorth cum pertinentiis et terras de Aberdour cum pertinentiis que fuerunt dicti Alexandri jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Aberdein ac etiam terras de Tebartie et Vtelaw cum pertinentiis jacentes in baronia de Strathallwa infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Banff. Que omnes et singule terre predictæ cum pertinentiis fuerunt dicti Alexandri Fresaille hereditarie et quas . . . in manus nostras apud Aberdein coram subscriptis testibus . . . personaliter . . . pureque simpliciter resignavit . . . [quas] terras de Filorth de Aberdour de Tebartie de Vtelaw cum pertinentiis in vnam meram integram et liberam baroniam de Filorth perpetuis futuris temporibus nuncupandam incorporauimus annexauimus et vniuimus . . . Tenendas . . . de nobis heredibus et successoribus nostris Regibus Scotie in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Reddendo annuatim . . . tres sectas ad tria placita capitalia vicecomitatus nostri de Aberdein singulis annis apud burgum nostrum de Aberdein in perpetuum tenenda tantum. In cuius rei testimonium presenti charte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus. Testibus reuerendo in Christo patre Georgio episcopo Brechinensi dilectis consanguineis nostris Jacobo de Liwistown magno cancellario nostro Thoma domino Erakin Alexandro domino Mongomrie Willhelmo de Morauia de Tulibardein et Magistro Richardo Forbes nostrorum compotorum rotulatore apud Spynie nono die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quadragesimo quinquagesimo quinto et regni nostri decimo nono .

Sasina piscarie de Duffarn spectantis baronie de Montblary.¹ —(A.D. 1422.)

Alexander Steuart comes de Mar et Garuiach dilecto nostro Thome Brisbane balliuo nostro baronie nostre de Strathalva infra vicecomitatum de Banff per nos in hac parte deputato salutem / quia concessimus hereditarie per cartam nostram totam et integram piscariam nostram salmonum aque de Dufferne cum pertinentiis contingentem et spectantem baronie de Monblary jacentem in Strathalua infra vicecomitatum predictum dilecto

¹ [From the General Register House, Edinburgh.]

confederato nostro Patricio de Ogiluy filio et heredi Alexandri de Ogilvy vicecomitis de Angus et Cristiane sponse sue et heredibus inter ipsos Patricium et Cristianam procreatis vel procreandis / quibus forsan deficientibus nobis heredibus nostris et assignatis iterum reuertendam / Quare vobis precipimus [*etc.*] quatinus statum et saisinam hereditariam dicte piscarie cum pertinentiis dicto Patricio et Cristiane iuste liberari faciatis [*etc.*] / Datum sub sigillo nostro apud Dunde decimoquinto die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo secundo .

Carta Regia Alexandro Hepburne. ¹ —(A.D. 1480.)

Jacobus Dei gratia Rex Scotorum Omnibus . . . salutem Sciatis nos dedisse . . . dilecto nostro Alexandro Hepburne filio et heredi apparenti dilecte nostre Mariote Normavill de Gargunnok totas et integras terras suas de Gargunnok Plane Cranmok et Glorate cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Striueline ac etiam omnes et singulas terras suas de Fordale cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Fife necnon omnes et singulas terras suas de Meredene cum pertinentiis jacentes infra vicecomitatum nostrum de Banfe Quequidem terre cum pertinentiis fuerunt dicte Mariote hereditarie et quas eadem Mariota . . . in manus nostras apud Edinburghe . . . simpliciter resignavit . . . Tenendas . . . in feodo et hereditate . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . nobis et successoribus nostris jura et seruitia de dictis terris cum pertinentiis debita et consueta . Reservato tamen libero tenemento . . . dictarum terrarum . . . dicte Mariote pro toto tempore vite sue Saluis turre et fortalicio de Cranmok et viginti libratis terrarum eodem proxime adiacentibus cum pertinentiis tam feodo quam libero tenemento earundem dicto Alexandro et heredibus suis In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus Testibus reuerendissimo in Christo patre Willelmo archiepiscopo Sancti Andree reuerendis in Christo patribus Johanne episcopo Glasguensi Willelmo episcopo Morauensi nostri secreti sigilli custode dilectis consanguineis nostris Andrea domino Avandale cancellario nostro

¹ [Abridged from a copy in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen, collated with the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. ix., no. 8, MS., Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

Colino comite de Ergile . . . magistro hospitii nostri Daud comite Craufurdie . . . Johanne domino Carlile Magistris Archibaldo Quhitelaw archidiacono Laudonie secretario nostro et Alexandro Inglis decano Dunkeldensi clerico nostrorum rotulorum et registri apud Edinburgh ultimo die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo octuagesimo et regni nostri vicesimo .

Resignatio terrarum de Dunlugus et Meredene.¹ —(A.D. 1498.)

Uniuersis pateat . . . me Mariotam Norwel unam dominarum terrarum de Gargunnok ac terrarum dimedietatis de Dunlugus et Mereden . . . constituisse . . . Macolmum Drummond Jacobum Turnbill et Willelmum Drummond . . . meos . . . indubitatos . . . factores . . . dantem . . . dictis meis procuratoribus . . . meam plenariam . . . potestatem . . . ad resignandum . . . meam dimedietatem huiusmodi terrarum de Dunlugus et Meredene cum suis pertinentiis jacentium infra vicecomitatum de Banff . . . in manibus . . . Johannis comitis de Mar et Gareoch domini mei superioris eiusdem quam etiam dimedietatem . . . in manibus dicti domini Comitis . . . simpliciter resigno pro saisina . . . Johanni domino Drummond hereditarie danda . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum presentibus est appensum apud Striueling undecimo die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo octauo coram hiis testibus Magistro Waltero Drummond decano Dunblanensi Daud Menteith notario publico et Malcolmo Drummond cum diuersis aliis .

Copia inquisitionis Margarete Hepburn.² —(A.D. 1506.)

Hec inquisitio facta fuit coram nobili viro Waltero Ogiluy de Boyne

¹ [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.]

An annuity of ten pounds from the above named lands was given by Bishop Elphinstone, in his second foundation of the King's College of the University of Aberdeen, for the support of the sixth of the students of theology founded by him.—(Fasti Aberdonenses, p. 88.)

² [Abridged from the original in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.]

milite vicecomite de Banff super montem castri de Banff duodecimo die mensis Februarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto per hos subscriptos Andream Dvn de Raty Willelmum Caldenheid Willelmum Blith Nicolaium Orde portionarium de eodem Henricum Stewart Willelmum Nory portionarium de Inchdrevir Thomam Hay Andream Thomsone Willelmum Daudis Jacobum Wisman et Henricum Makmerson Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Alexander Hepburn de Gargunnok frater Margarete Hepburn latricis presentium obiit ultimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem supremi domini nostri Regis de . . . dimedia parte terrarum de Mereden cum pertinentiis que sunt dimedia pars de Mereden et dimedia pars de Denluguss jacentium infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dicta Margareta est una de legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus eiusdem quondam Alexandri sui fratris de tertia parte dicte dimedie partis terrarum de Mereden et Dunluguss cum pertinentiis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicta tertia pars dicte dimedie partis terrarum cum pertinentiis valet nunc per annum triginta quinque solidis sex denariis et obulo cum tertia parte obuli et valuerunt tempore pacis decem et septem solidis nouem denariis dimedia parte obuli et dimedia parte tertie partis obuli Et quod tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium warde et releuii Et quod dicte terre nunc in manibus domini nostri Regis ob mortem dicti quondam Alexandri qui obiit ad octo annorum spacium existunt in defectu legitimi heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis Datum et clausum sub sigillo dicti vicecomitis et sigillis quorundam qui dicte inquisitioni intererant anno die loco et mense prenotatis .

Hec est vera copia retornatus . . . copiata . . . per me Johannem Quhite deputatum directorem . . . cancellarie .

Concessio Regis Alexandro domino Elphinstoune.¹ —(A.D. 1510.)

Apud Striveling . xix. Junii . j^m. v^o. x. . Rex concessit dilecto consanguineo suo Alexandro domino Elphinstoune et heredibus suis masculis terras de Gargunnok Carnok et Plane infra vicecomitatum de Striveling et

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xvi., no. 2, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

terras de Fordale infra vicecomitatum de Fife necnon terras de Meiredene et Dunlugeres infra vicecomitatum de Banf quas Margareta Hepburne sponsa Walteri Sellar una sororum et heredum quondam Alexandri Hepburne de Gargunnok cum consensu dicti Walteri resignavit . Reddendo annuatim Regi servicia debita et consueta necnon wardam etc. cum contigerint .

Inquisicio Alexandri Stewart.¹ —(A.D. 1435.)

Hec inquisitio facta apud Kindrumy secundo die mensis Maii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo tricesimo quinto per meliores et fide digniores patrie et per quos rei veritas melius sciri poterat videlicet Robertum Stewart dominum de Lorn Willelmum de Lesley vicecomitem de Garuiach Willelmum de Setoun de Echt Johannem de Rate Johannem de Johnston Archbaldum de Rate Johannem de Wenton Edmond Mortymer Duncanum de Forbes de Achintowle David Donaldi Donaldum de Ochterern Johannem Ross Johannem Wode Henricum de Rate Elmslee et Gilquhan de Dosky Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Dominus Andreas Stewart pater Alexandri Stewart latoris presencium obiit vestitus et saysitus de feodo de terris de Sandhalch infra vicecomitatum de Banff et de terris de Culquherry in comitatu nostro de Mar infra vicecomitatum de Abirdin cum suis pertinentiis . Et quod dictus Alexander filius eius est legitimus et propinquior heres eiusdem quondam patris sui de dictis terris de Sandhalch et Culquherry cum pertinentiis . Et est legitime natus . Et dicta terre de Sandhalch cum pertinentiis valuerunt tempore patris decem libris et nunc valent tantum per annum et quod dicta terre cum pertinentiis teneantur de Comite de Mar per servitium videlicet dicta terre de Sandhalch cum pertinentiis faciendo viam sextam ad curiam capitalem de Montlary proximo post Festum Sancti Michaelis Archangelii tantum . . . et dictus Dominus Andreas per Marcom de Mar vel eius successores sint legitime premunui coram Comite de Mar personaliter vellem dictam [curiam] teneant . Et dicta terre de Culquherry cum pertinentiis teneantur per servitium videlicet faciendo viam sextam

[Adapted from the original in the charter chest at Forquhar.]

ad curiam capitalem de Migvy proximo post Festum Pasche si dictus Dominus Andreas vel eius heredes sint ad hoc legitime premuniti tantum . . . Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis sunt in manibus dicti domini Comitis de Marr a tempore obitus dicti Domini Andree Et prefate terre de Culquhorssy valuerunt tempore pacis decem libras et nunc valent tantum per annum In cuius rei testimonium sigillum Thome de Forbes balliui de Marr et sigilla dictorum Domini de Lorn Willelmi de Lesley Willelmi de Setoun Johannis de Johnstoun et Johannis Wode sunt appensa die mense anno et loco supradictis .

Concessio Regis Willelmo.episcopo Abirdonensi.¹ —(A.D. 1509.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxvii. Julii . j^m. v^o. ix. . Rex concessit Willelmo episcopo Aberdonensi et assignatis suis decimam partem terrarum de Sandlaucht extendentem annuatim ad quadraginta solidatas terrarum infra vicecomitatum de Banff que Jacobo [Stewart] pertinuerunt et pro solucione summe quadraginta librarum Regi debite appreciate fuerunt Reservato eidem Episcopo decimo denario summe predicte que se extendit ad quadraginta libras et pro solucione ejusdem Rex assignavit dictam decimam partem . Et voluit Rex quod dictus Jacobus [Stewart] et heredes sui habeant regressum quandocunque persolverint prefatam summam unacum expensis etc. infra septennium .

Concessio Regis Alexandro Ogilvy de Deskfurde.² —(A.D. 1512.)

Apud Edinburghe . xxiv. Januarii . j^m. v^o. xi. . Rex concessit Alexandro Ogilvy de Deskfurde et heredibus suis terras de Sandlauche et piscariam earundem in aqua de Doverne infra vicecomitatum de Banff que fuerunt Jacobi Stewart de Baddinspink et Regi appreciate fuerunt pro firmis etc. viginti quinque annorum ratione nonintroitus et postea date fuerunt Jacobo Stewart de Trakware et quas dictus Jacobus resignavit . Red-

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xv., no. 127, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Ibid., lib. xviii., no. 1, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

dendo annuatim Regi ad quodlibet placitum capitale vicecomitatus de Banff unam sectam necnon wardam etc. cum contigerint .

Preceptum ad dandum saisinam Willelmo Bard.¹ —(A.D. 1532.)

Alexander Ogiluy de eodem dilectis meis Magistro Alexandro Ogiluy in Glashalche Johanni Ogiluy eius filio et Andree Ord de eodem portionario balliuis meis in hac parte . . . salutem Quia hereditarie . . . vendidi . . . dilecto consanguineo meo Willelmo Bard filio et apparenti heredi Georgii Bard de Ordinghuff omnes et singulas terras meas de Sandlawche et salmonum piscaciones earundem cum suis pendiculis et pertinenciis jacentes in baronia de Ogiluy infra vicecomitatum de Banff Vobis igitur . . . mando . . . quatinus . . . dicto Willelmo aut eius certo attornato . . . sasinam . . . dictarum terrarum et piscacionum cum suis . . . pertinenciis . . . tradatis . . . reseruando liberum tene-mentum earundem Georgio Bard de Ordinghuff patri dicti Willelmi pro toto tempore vite ipsius Georgii . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti meo precepto sasine subscriptione mea manuali subscripto est appensum apud Fyndletter vicesimo octauo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tricesimo secundo .

Alex^r. Ogyluy off that Ilk.

Carta feudifirme Michaeli de Donebankis.² —(A.D. 1475.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris . . . Frater Patricius Pyat magister domus Sancti Germani ordinis Sancti Augustini Jherosolomitani Cruciferorum cum Stella salutem . . . Noueritis nos dedisse . . . ac ad feodifirmam dimisisse Michaeli de Donebankis totas et integras terras de Donebankis cum suis pertinentiis jacentes in baronia de Strathalua infra vicecomitatum de Banff Tenendas . . . de nobis et successoribus nostris . . . in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum cum debitis longitudine et lati-

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Forglen.]

² [Abridged from a contemporary copy in the archives of the King's College and University, Aberdeen.]

tudine incipiendo a via Regia usque ad *le Tuquhyt Myre* uersus occidens et sic discendendo abhinc usque ad *lie Ringand Well* usque ad aquam currentem uersus orientem cum focalibus conuenientibus cum pastura duodecim vaccarum cum tauro cum quinquaginta ouibus ad spatium trium annorum currentium et ab hinc ad pristinum statum reuertentibus cum sue et apro et eorum sequacibus et cum omnibus . . . pertinentiis . . . Reddendo inde nobis et successoribus . . . annuatim unum annum redditum duorum solidorum usualis monete Scotie . . . nomine feodifirme tantum . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte nostre est appensum Apud Abirden decimo septimo die mensis Augusti anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo quinto his testibus Magistro Laurentio Pyat Alexandro Barklay de Matheris Adamo Froster Thoma Litstair Vilhelmo Gifford burgensi de Aberden Dominis Thoma Pyat Roberto Lies capellanis et Thoma Makalane cum multis aliis .

Robertus Lies capellanus et notarius publicus .

Ego Thomas Pyat magister Sancti Germani fateor me presentem cartam uidisse examinasse et eandem in omnibus approbasse in quantum est legitime confecta testimonio proprio .

Thomas Pyat manu propria .

Transumptum carte de Rylands..¹—(A.D. 1490.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo quadringentesimo nonagesimo mensis vero Augusti die xxii^o . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus honorabilis vir Andreas Wentoun burgensis burgi de Abirdene nomine et ex parte Johannis Wentoun filii et heredis quondam Patricii Wentoun de Rylands quandam cartam in pergamino scriptam . . . sigillo prouidi viri quondam Johannis Wentoun de Andat sigillatam . . . in quoquidem sigillo cum eius nomine in circumferentia sculpta erat crux Sancti Andree in *le Bruch* factam quondam Willelmo Wentoun . . . in presentia Alexandri Wentoun de Andat

¹ [Abridged from the original in the charter chest at Drum.]

domini superioris dimedietatis dictarum terrarum de Rylands . . . jacen-
tium in baronia de Strathalwa . . . michi notario publico subscripto
tradidit in hanc publicam formam [perle]gendam huiusmodi sub tenore
OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris . . . Johannes Wentoun dominus de
Edinduvy salutem . . . Sciatis me dedisse . . . carissimo consanguineo
meo Wilhelmo de Wentoun totas et integras terras meas dimedietatis
de Rilands cum pertinenciis . . . [Tenendas] . . . dicto Wilhelmo et
heredibus suis masculis legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus forte
deficientibus carissimo fratri meo Jacobo de Wentoun et heredibus suis
masculis legitime procreatis seu procreandis eisdem forte deficientibus
mihi et heredibus meis in perpetuum reuersuras de me et heredibus meis in
feodo et hereditate in perpetuum . . . Exceptis sex solidis et octo denariis
de dictis terris de Rylands mihi et heredibus meis in perpetuum reseruatis
Faciendo inde . . . mihi et heredibus meis vnam sectam annuatim curie
mee de le Rylands si petatur pro omni alio seruitio seu demanda . . . In
cuius rei testimonium presenti carte mee sigillum meum est appensum
apud Dalclarachy decimo die mensis Februarij anno Domini millesimo
quadringentesimo quinquagesimo septimo Testibus honorabilibus viris
Domino Willelmo de Leslie de Bachane milite Patricio Bussat de
Lessindrum Malcom Leslie de le Quiltis Nycholayo Dunn de Raty
Johanne Mortimar de Auchinbady et Jacobo Bare cum multis aliis QUA
perlecta in presentia dicti domini superioris terrarum predictarum de
Rylands idem Alexander Wentoun promisit tradere sasinam . . . Jo-
hanni Wentoun cum ad perfectam etatem peruenerit In medio tempore
firmas fructus redditus et prouentus earundem terrarum Malcomus Wen-
toun leuet et capiet annuatim ad proficuum et vtilitatem dicti Johannis
Wentoun quousque ad debitam etatem contigerit Super quibus omnibus
. . . dictus Andreas Wentoun nomine quo supra a me notario publico sub-
scripto sibi fieri petiit presens publicum instrumentum Acta erant hec
in ecclesia parochiali de Abirdene hora decima aut eocirca ante meridiem
. . . presentibus ibidem prouidis viris Dominis et Magistris Ricardo
Strathachin Jacobo Strathachin capellanis Willelmo Fraser filio et ap-
parente herede Alexandri Fraser de Durris Johanne Wentoun Dominis
Johanne Prat et Ingeramo Banerman capellanis cum diuersis aliis testi-
bus . . .

Et ego Robertus Leis presbyter Abirdonensis dioceseos publicus

Imperiali et Regali auctoritatibus notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

THE PARISH OF FORGUE.¹

*Carta Jacobo de Dunbar.*² —(A.D. 1422.)

Murdacus dux Albanie comes de Fife et de Menteth ac gubernator regni Scocie . . . Sciatis nos dedisse . . . dilecto consanguineo nostro Jacobo de Dunbar . . . terras de Frendracht et de Auchinbo cum pertinenciis iacentes infra vicecomitatum de Aberdene et . . . terras de Carnousyis et de Cluny cum pertinenciis iacentes infra vicecomitatum de Banf et . . . terras de Drummely cum pertinenciis iacentes infra vicecomitatum de Kincardyn . Quequidem terre cum pertinenciis fuerunt dicti Jacobi hereditarie et quas idem Jacobus . . . in manus meas . . . simpliciter resignauit . . . Tenendas . . . predicto Jacobo et heredibus suis de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis . quibus forte deficientibus carissimo consanguineo nostro Thome de Dunbar comiti Moraue et heredibus suis de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis . quibus uero deficientibus veris legitimis et propinquiioribus heredibus dicti Jacobi libere reuertendas de domino nostro Rege et heredibus suis in feodo et hereditate imperpetuum . . . Faciendo annuatim domino nostro Regi et heredibus suis de predictis terris cum pertinenciis seruicia debita et consueta . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre magnum sigillum officii nostri apponi precepimus Testibus Jacobo Stewart filio nostro Roberto de Conynghame de Kilmaurs Johanne de Lyndesai de Biris consanguineis nostris Johanne de Conynghame Thoma de Navii et Alexandro

¹ [See Collections for a History of the Shires of Aberdeen and Banff, pp. 519-525, and Illustrations of the Topography and Antiquities of the same Shires, vol. ii., pp. 320-326.]

In the year 1535, the Abbot of Arbroath granted a nineteen year's lease of the teind sheaves of the church of Forgue to Sir James Crychtone of Frendracht, knight, for payment of the yearly rent of one hundred pounds Scots, and for supporting the roof of the choir of the church. —(Registrum Recentius Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, p. 524.)]

² [Abridged from the original in the charter room at Gordon Castle.]

de Ottirburne secretario nostro apud Striuelyne vicesimo octauo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo vicesimo primo et gubernationis nostre secundo .

Carta confirmacionis Isobelle de Suthirland de terris de Conzie.¹—(A.D. 1459 et A.D. 1470.)

Jacobus Dei gracia Rex Scotorum . . . Sciatis nos quamdam cartam dilecti nostri Alexandri de Dunbar de Westfelde militis factam et concessam dilecte nostre Isabelle de Suthirlande sponse dicti Alexandri . . . ad plenum intellexisse sub hac forma OMNIBUS hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris Alexander de Dunbar de Westfelde salutem in Domino Noueritis me cum consensu et assensu nobilis domine Domine Jonete comitisse Moraue et domine Frendracht domine mee superioris terre mee de Cunzie sororis mee dilectissime dedisse . . . carissime sponse mee Issabelle de Suthirlande pro dote sua propter maritagium in facie ecclesie solempnizandum compromissa totam et integram predictam terram meam de Conze cum pertinentiis jacentem in dominio de Frendracht infra vicecomitatum de Aberden Tenendam . . . dicte Issabelle sponse mee pro toto tempore vite sue . . . In cuius rei testimonium sigillum meum huic presenti carte mee est appensum et ad maiorem rei euidenciam sigillum prefate Domine Jonete comitisse Moraue sororis mee dilectissime cum instantia apponi presentibus procuravi apud Elgin decimo septimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo quinquagesimo octauo Presentibus ibidem Johanne de Suthirland sponso predictae Comitisse sororis mee Hugone de Suthirland Hugone de Douglas Johanne Falconare de Murreffstoune et Thoma Smolte cum multis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis specialiter et rogatis . QUAMQUIDEM cartam . . . confirmamus . . . In cuius rei testimonium presenti carte nostre confirmacionis magnum sigillum nostrum apponi precepimus . . . apud Edinburgh decimoquinto die mensis Octobris anno Domini millesimo quadringentesimo septuagesimo et regni nostri xj^o.

¹ [Abridged from the Registrum Magni Sigilli, lib. vii., no. 167.]

Concessio Regia Jacobo Crechtoune.¹ —(A.D. 1493.)

Apud Spinee . xxii. Novembris . j^m. cccc. xciii. . Rex concessit Jacobo Crechtoune filio et heredi quondam Willelmi domini Crechtoune et heredibus suis masculis de corpore suo legitime procreandis quibus deficientibus Jacobo Crechtoune filio quondam Gawini Crechtoune et heredibus etc. quibus deficientibus Willelmo Crechtoune filio eciam dicti Gawini et heredibus etc. quibus omnibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Jacobi filii dicti quondam Willelmi domini Crechtoune terras et baroniam de Frendracht cum suis annexis et dependenciis ac tenentibus tenandriis et liberetenentium serviciis ad-
vocatione et donatione ecclesiarum earundem infra vicecomitatum de Abirdene ac terras et baroniam de Inverkethny cum tenentibus etc. advocatione et donatione ecclesiarum earundem infra vicecomitatum de Banff Quas omnes Joneta Dunbare domina de Frendracht avia dicti Jacobi in manibus Regis personaliter resignavit . Reservato libero tene-
mento dicte Jonete .

Inquisicio Jacobi Dunbar.² —(A.D. 1505.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene septimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quarto coram honorabili viro Alex-
andro Bannerman de Watertone vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene in pretorio burgi de Abirdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente per sub-
scriptos videlicet Alexandrum Iruyne de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillorth milites Walterum Berclay de Towy Johannem Mowat de Los-
cragy Alexandrum Skene de eodem Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Robertum Dogud de Auchnahuff Johannem Gardin de Latheris Alex-
andrum Johnstone de eodem Alexandrum Wyntone de Andait Johannem Dunbrek de eodem Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyuer Georgium Leslie

¹ [From the Abbreviatio Registri Magni Sigilli, lib. xiii., no. 106, MS. Gen. Reg. House, Edin.]

² [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, vol. i., MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

de eodem Willelmum Turing de Foverne Alexandrum Caldour de Sonna-
hard Thomam Craufurd Willelmum Blakhall de eodem Ranaldum Oudny
et Jacobum King de Bourty Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Jacobus
Dunber de Cunnok miles pater Jacobi Dunber latoris presencium obiit
ultimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de
terris de Petquhyne cum suis pertinenciis jacentibus intra dictum vice-
comitatum Et quod dictus Jacobus est legitimus et propinquior heres
dicti quondam Jacobi patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod
est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis valent nunc per
annum sex libras et valuerunt quatuor libras tempore pacis Et quod
tenentur in capite de supremo domino nostro Rege per servicia debita
et consueta Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis nunc existunt in mani-
bus domini nostri Regis per decessum dicti quondam Jacobi patris sui
prius vicesimum diem mensis Aprilis ultimo elapsi in defectu veri heredis
jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis etc. Reservato tamen per omnia
libero tenemento dictarum terrarum cum pertinenciis Elizabetht Su-ler-
land relicte quondam Alexandri Dunbar de Wastfeld militis pro toto
tempore vite sue Datum et clausum etc.

Inquisicio Jacobi Dunbar.¹ — (A.D. 1505.)

[Inquisitio facta apud burgum de Abirdene ultimo die mensis Septembris
anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quinto coram honorabili viro
Alexandro Bannerman de Wattertoune vicecomitis deputato de Abirdene
in curia capitali in pretorio eiusdem sedente per subscriptos videlicet
Alexandrum Inuyn de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillorht milites
Willelmum Gordone de Schenes Walterum Berclay de Towy Jacobum
Chene de Scraloche Willelmum Leslie de Balquhane Willelmum Craufurd

[Abridged from the *Liber Antiquus Curie Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, vol. i., MS. in archives
quodam.]

On the third day of January, 1504-5, James Dunbar was served heir to his grandfather, Sir
Alexander Dunbar of Wastfeld, knight, in the lands of Colmyste in the lordship of Franchrich,
held in chief of the lord of Franchrich, for payment of a penny yearly. And on the twentieth
day of April following, he was served heir as above in the lands of Cunnok held in chief of the
king for service of ward and relief.—[Quodam.]

de Federay Alexandrum Skene de eodem Alexandrum Caldour de Sonna-herde Willelmum Johnestone filium et heredem apparentem Alexandri Johnestone de eodem Johannem Ross de Auchlossin Johannem Mowat de Loscragy Robertum Dogude de Auchnahuf Walterum Dempstar de Ouchterless Henricum Forbes de Kynneller Willelmum Blakhale de Bourty Johannem Gardin de Latheris Thomam Burnat de Gask Willelmum Turing de Foverne Andream Tulidef de eodem Alexandrum Wyn-tone de Andat Georgium Leslie de eodem et Johannem Dunbrek de eodem Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Alexander Dumbar de Vestfeld miles auus Jacobi Dunbar latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus vt de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Conze cum pertinenciis jacentibus infra dictum vicecomitatum Et quod dictus Jacobus est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Alexandri aui sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum decem libras et valuerunt quinque libras tempore pacis Et quod tenentur in capite de suppremo domino nostro Rege per seruicium varde et releuij debitum et consuetum Et feodum earundem terrarum nunc existit in manibus eiusdem domini nostri Regis legitime et per seipsum ob decessum dicti quondam Alexandri aui sui per spacium octo annorum Et liberum tenementum est eciam in manibus dicti domini nostri Regis per spacium dimidij anni vel eocirca per decessum Isabelle Sutherland relicte dicti quondam Alexandri que habuit liberum tenementum dictarum terrarum racione dotis seu donacionis propter nuptias per dictum quondam Alexandrum sibi facte pro toto tempore vite sue in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis Datum et clausum sub sigillo officij dicti [vicecomitis deputati et sigillis quorundam qui huic inquisitioni intererant faciende anno die mense et loco prenotatis.]

Service on part of the dominical lands of Frendraught. ¹ (A.D. 1686.)

November 24, 1686 . Special service of John Hay as nearest heir of

¹ [Abridged from the Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

his father William Hay junior of Muldaviot in . . . the lands lying in the dominical lands of Frendraught . . . with the houses . . . and pertinents lying in the parish of Forgue and shire of Aberdeen . . . and . . . held of the heirs and assignees of James viscount of Frendraught lord Chrichtown in free blench farm for payment of the sum of one penny Scots money at two terms of the year . . .

*Inquisicio Alexandri Murray.*¹ —(A.D. 1505.)

Inquisicio facta apud burgum de Abirdene septimo die mensis Januarii anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quarto coram honorabili viro Alexandro Bannerman de Watertone vicecomitis deputato de Aberdene in pretorio burgi de Aberdene in curia capitali pro tribunali sedente per subscriptos videlicet Alexandrum Iruyne de Drum Willelmum Fraser de Phillorth milites Walterum Berclay de Towy Johannem Mowat de Loscragy Alexandrum Skene de eodem Henricum Forbes de Kynnellour Robertum Dugud de Auchnahuff Johannem Gardin de Latheris Alexandrum Jhonnstone de eodem Alexandrum Wyntone de Andait Johannem Dunbrek de eodem Alexandrum Mortymer de Cragyuer Georgium Lesly de eodem Willelmum Turing de Foverne Alexandrum Caldour de Sonnahard Thomam Craufurd Willelmum Blakhall de eodem Ranaldum Oudny et Jacobum King de Bourty Qui jurati dicunt quod quondam Patricius Murray de Cuchberdy pater Alexandri Murray latoris presencium obiit vltimo . . . sasitus ut de feodo ad pacem et fidem domini nostri Regis de terris de Cuchberdyis cum pertinenciis iacentibus in baronia de Frenderaugh infra vicecomitatum antedictum Et quod dictus Alexander est legitimus et propinquior heres dicti quondam Patricii patris sui de dictis terris cum pertinenciis Et quod est legitime etatis Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis valent nunc per annum quadraginta marcas et valuerunt viginti marcas tempore pacis Et [quod] dicte terre cum pertinenciis

¹ [Abridged from the *Libri Actorum Curiae Vicecomitatus de Aberdeen*, vol. i, MS. in archivis ejusdem.]

On the first day of October, 1504, Isabella Rait, the widow of the above-named Patrick Murray, was found entitled to her terce of the same lands of Colbardy.—(Ibid.)]

tenentur in capite de domino barone de Frenderaugh in alba firma reddendo annuatim vnum denarium argenti Et quod dicte terre cum pertinenciis nunc existunt in manibus dicti domini baronis de Frenderaugh post Festum Assumpcionis Beate Virginis Marie immediate elapsam per decessum dicti quondam Patricii patris sui in defectu veri heredis jus suum hucusque minime prosequentis Datum et clausum etc.

ADDITIONS.

PARISH OF MARYCULTER—(PAGE 358.)

Sasina terrarum de Essintully tradita Alexandro Lindesay.¹ —(A.D. 1539.)

In Dei nomine Amen . . . cunctis pateat . . . quod anno incarnationis Dominice millesimo quingentesimo trigesimo nono mensis vero Julii die octauo . . . In mei notarii publici et testium subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus nobilis et venerabilis dominus Walterus Lyndesay miles dominus Beati Johannis preceptor de Torphechin etc. ad principalem mansionem et toftam omnium et singularum terrarum de Essintully cum pertinentiis jacentium in baronia de Marecultir et infra vicecomitatum de Kyncardin accessit / Et ibidem . . . statum saisinam et possessionem hereditarias . . . dictarum terrarum de Essintully cum singulis suis pertinentiis dilecto suo fratri germano Alexandro Lyndesay suis propriis manibus per terre et lapidis eiusdem foundi donationem contulit . . . ac ipsum Alexandrum in eisdem induxit . . . illumque ad easdem terras . . . publice et solempniter recognovit secundum vigorem vim et effectum carte feodifirme seu emphiteosis dicto Alexandro desuper conficiende prout in eadem latius continebitur Saluo jure cuiuslibet . . . Acta erant hec super solum huiusmodi terrarum de Essintully horam circiter quartam post meridiem sub anno die mense . . . quibus supra Presentibus ibidem Andrea Lyndesay Nicolao Dundas Jacobo Freser Domino David Duncansone notario publico cum diuersis aliis testibus ad premissa vocatis pariterque rogatis etc.

Et ego vero Jacobus Watsons clericus Sanctiandree diocesis publicus sacra auctoritate Apostolica notarius [*etc. in forma communi.*]

¹ [Abridged from the Register of Acts and Decrees of the Lords of Council and Session, vol. iii., fol. 188, MS. General Register House, Edinburgh.]

Carta Walteri Lyndesay militis domini Sancti Johannis concessa Alexandro Lyndesaye fratri suo germano super terris de Essintully.¹ — (A.D. 1540.)

Omnibus hanc cartam visuris vel auditoris Walterus Lyndesay miles dominus Beati Johannis ordinis Jherosolimitani preceptor de Torphichin etc. eternam in Domino salutem . . . Noueritis . . . nos ex speciali licentia reuerendissimi in Christo patris et domini Fratris Philippi de Villers Lisle Adam Dei gratia sacre domus Hospitalis Beati Johannis Jherosolimitani Magistri nobis in suo capitulo generali concessa vtilitati et commodo dicti nostri loci de Torphechin et successorum nostrorum vndique prouisis . . . ac pro . . . nostri rentalis augmentatione annuatim ad summam trium marcarum et duodecim denariorum vsualis monete regni Scotie . . . assedasse . . . et ad feodifirmam seu emphiteosin dimisisse . . . dilecto nostro germano fratri Alexandro Lyndesaye et suis heredibus masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus forte deficientibus Johanni Lyndesay fratri suo germano et suis heredibus masculis de corpore suo legitime procreatis seu procreandis quibus deficientibus legitimis et propinquioribus heredibus dicti Alexandri quibuscunque omnes et singulas terras nostras de Essintully cum piscatione aque de Dee huiusmodi adiacente cum singulis suis pertinentiis jacentes in baronia nostra de Maricultir et infra vicecomitatum de Kynardin Tenendas . . . de nobis et successoribus nostris Preceptoribus de Torphechin qui pro tempore fuerint in feodo et hereditate in perpetuum . . . Reddendo inde annuatim . . . octo mercas duodecim solidos et quatuor denarios monete predictae computando et allocando firmas pecunie cum gressuma *lie pultreis* et dietis nuncupatis *lie daywerkis* et aliis diuoriis secundum formam nostri rentalis prius de dictis terris cum pertinentiis annuatim solui consuetis vnacum dicta summa trium marcarum et duodecim denariorum in augmentatione dicti nostri rentalis . . . ad duos anni terminos vsuales Pentecostes videlicet et Sancti Martini in hyeme . . . vna cum serviciis in nostris curiis et alibi solitis et consuetis In-

¹ [Abridged from the Register of the Acts and Decrees of the Lords of Council and Session, vol. iii., foll. 185, 186, MS. General Register House, Edinburgh.]

super heredes prescripti duplicando dictam feodifirmam primi anni eorum introitus ad prefatas terras . . . In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte nostre nostra manuali subscriptione subscripte sigillum officii nostri est appensum apud Torphechin vicesimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo coram testibus Andrea Lyndesay Henrico Polwart Nycholao Dundas et Jacobo Collisone notario publico cum diuersis aliis .

Lettre of tak of the Manis of Mareculter.¹ —(A.D. 1545.)

Be it kend till all men be thir present lettres ws Walter lord of Sanctiohnis knyght preceptor of Torphechin to haif set and for maill latten . . . to our louit brothir germane Alexander Lyndesay of Essintully his airis executouris and assignayis all and hale the Manis of Mareculter and the teynd schawis of the said Manis with the Cottoun of the samyn and peindiculis tharof for all the dayis and termis of nynetene yeiris . . . following the dait of thir presentis . . . payand heirfore yeirlie . . . the sovme of twenty aucht pundis vsuale money of Scotland at . . . the Purificatioun of Our Lady callit Candilmes togidder with vij. dosand of pultrie and this extending of siluer as auld vse and custom is xxix. schillingis alltogidder . . . In witnes of the quhilk thing to thisoure assedatioun and lettre of takoure seill of office is appensit togidder withoure subscription manuale at Fynevin the ferd day of Nouember the yeir j^m. v^c. fourty fyve yeiris before thir witnes Andro Lyndesay Schir Andro Lyndesay vicar of Newtill Maister Laurence Lyndesay Herbert Glaidstanes Nychole Dundas with vtheris diuers etc. And alsua the said Alexander Lyndesay sall pay to my brother his factouris thre barrell of salmont yeirlie for the Weill Watter anentis Furd conforme to the auld tak maid abefore .

W. L. Scti. Jo^{is}.

Ja. Sanctiohnis .

¹ [Abridged from the Register of the Acts and Decrets of the Lords of Council and Session, vol. iii., foll. 186, 187, MS. General Register House, Edinburgh.]

Assedatioun of the teynd schawis of Ester Essintully and Cottoun of the Manis of Mariculter.¹ —(A.D. 1547.)

Be it kend till all men be thir present lettres ws James lord of Sanctiohnis knyght preceptor of Torphychin to haif set and for maill lattin . . . to our louittis seruand Alexander Lyndesay and to his assignayis ane or ma all and hale the teynd schawis of our landis of Ester Essintully and Cottoun of oure Manis of Mariculter lyand within the barony of the samyn and schirefdome of Kyncardin for . . . nyneteine yeiris . . . following the dait heirof . . . payand heirfore yeirlie . . . the sovme of aucht poundis vsuale money within the realme of Scotland at the Feist of Sanctandrow in wynter . . . In witnes of the quhilk thing oure seill of office is affixit togidder with oure subscriptione manuale at Mariculter the xij. day of August the yeir of God ane thousand fyve hundreth fourty sevyne yeris before thir witnes Petter Polward Henry Polwart Maister Robert Wedderburne Richart Murheid James Merschell Robert Dowglass with vtheris diners .

Ja. lord Sanctiohnis .

¹ [Abridged from the Register of the Acts and Decrees of the Lords of Council and Session, vol. iii, fol. 185, MS. General Register House, Edinburgh.]

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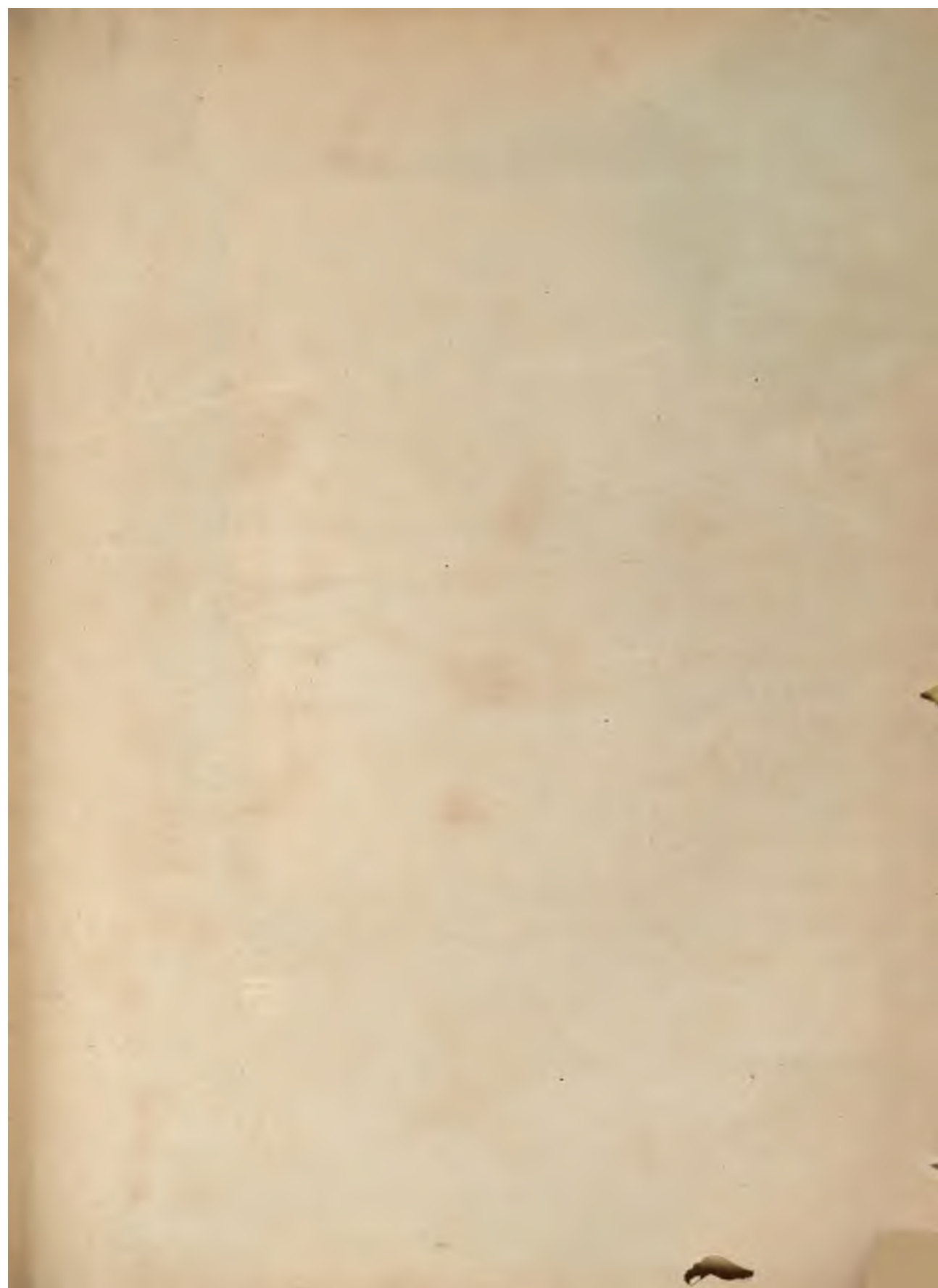
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